

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, September 20th, 2001

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1 USC Minutes**
- 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.7 Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: Summer 2001 minutes, September 7th, September 11th and September 18th, 2001**

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

- 9.1 Board Selections (Appointments Board, Operations & Finance Board, Student Issues Board, Academic Affairs Board, Elections Board and Code of Ethics Discipline Committee)**

New Business

- 10.1 U of S Women's Centre Proposal**

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

12. Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, September 20th, 2001

PRESENT

Janelle Hutchinson, President
Scott Henderson, VP Operations
Jenn Barber, VP Student Issues
Jack Wallace, VP Academic
Virginia Isley, Arts & Science
Blair Taylor, Arts & Science
Michelle MacDonald, Commerce
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Lyle Popovic, Education
Samara Worth, Education
Geoff Stewart, Engineering
Maureen Torrie, Engineering
Andrew Merryweather, Kinesiology
Erin Stang, Law
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Jennifer Leuschen, Nursing
Natalie Ferrara, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Dan Hewson, Physical Therapy
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More College
Jessica Paterson, Veterinary Medicine

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Ringguth, Chair

REGRETS

April Zerr, Agriculture

ABSENT

Vishal Sharma, Dentistry
Connor McManus, Voyageur Place
Residence

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Move to add Executive Committee minutes for September 19th under Item 7.1

MOTION USC01: Henderson/Wallace Carried.

Move to accept the agenda as amended.

MOTION USC02: Barber/Hutchinson Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

VP Henderson reminded Council that Robin Black and the Intergalactic Rockstars are performing at Louis tonight. All Council members are on the guest list.

VP Henderson also reminded all Councilors to return their MSC information sheets to him as soon as possible. He also mentioned that applications for the Student at Large positions close tomorrow. Application forms are available at the USSU Front Office. Finally, he invited all Councilors to the Pancake Breakfast Thursday morning from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.

President Hutchinson reminded Council of the Advantage 2001 Conference. It will be held on Saturday, September 29th. Registration is free and you can pick up your forms at the USSU Front Office.

VP Wallace reminded Councilors to forward the name of the student in each college that will represent the college at University Council. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month from 2:30 p.m. until approximately 5 p.m. VP Wallace will also set up an introductory meeting for those representatives. Please have the information for the appointed student to VP Wallace by the end of next week.

Councilor Schneider reminded Council that this Sunday, September 23rd. Commerce is going on their Rider Trip. Students from all colleges are welcome to attend. The cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. Saturday, September 29th is the Commerce Golf Tournament. The entry fee is \$30 per team. If you are interested in either event, please stop by the Commerce Student Lounge for more information.

Councilor Torrie reminded Council that Friday night is Hell Dance. Tickets are available at the Place Riel Information Centre and the Engineering Lounge. E-Plant is also taking place tomorrow.

VP Barber reminded Council that Naomi Klein, author of *No Logo* is at the 3rd Avenue United Church tonight at 7:30 p.m. The event is partially sponsored by the USSU. There is no charge for admission to the event.

Councilor Popovic introduced his Co-MSA, Samara Worth.

Council Address

No Council address.

Minutes and Reports for Action

No minutes or reports for action.

Minutes and Reports for Information

President Hutchinson briefly reviewed the Executive minutes for the summer and for September to date. VP Henderson spoke on the major financial motions made over the summer months.

Move to accept the Executive Committee minutes.

MOTION USC03: Hutchinson/Henderson

Carried.

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

Business

Board Selection

Each Chairperson from the various Boards gave an explanation of the responsibilities of their respective Boards.

Chair Ringguth called for nominations.

The following Councilors were appointed to the Appointments Board: Councilor Schneider, Councilor Brost, Councilor Patterson and Councilor Hewson.

The following Councilors were appointed to the Operations and Finance Board: Councilor Stang, Councilor Stewart and Councilor McDonald. There is currently one vacancy.

The following Councilors were appointed to the Student Issues Board: Councilor Popovic, Councilor Taylor and Councilor Worth.

The following Councilors were nominated and appointed to the Academic Affairs Board: Councilor Hewson, Councilor Leuschen and Councilor Sharma.

The following Councilors were appointed to sit on the Elections Board: Councilor Taylor and Councilor Torrie.

The following Councilors were nominated for the Code of Ethics Committee: Councilor Popovic, Councilor Schneider, Councilor Ferrara and Councilor Hewson. As there are only three positions on the Code of Ethics Board, the decision was put to a vote. The Code of Ethics Committee will be composed of Councilor Ferrara, Councilor Hewson and Councilor Schneider.

New Business

U of S Women's Centre

VP Henderson outlined the proposal brought forward from the U of S Women's Centre. He pointed out that the Women's Centre budget was included in the document. He requested that all Councilors read the document and be prepared to ask questions for next weeks' Council meeting.

Questions and Comments

Councilor Taylor asked about feedback on the Health and Dental opt out period. He also suggested that more time be allotted to opt out for next year.

VP Wallace responded to Councilor Schneider's earlier question regarding the appropriate time to ask questions about the Executive minutes. He clarified that during either Questions and Comments or during the approval of the Executive minutes would be fine.

President Hutchinson responded to Councilor Taylor's questions. She noted that students wishing to opt out of the plan would only have to provide proof of other coverage once. As far as the timeframe, she is hoping that something can be worked out with the Registrar's Office in regards to the last day to pay tuition without financial penalty.

Councilor Schneider asked for clarification on the policies included in the Executive Committee minutes for the summer months. She requested that Council receive copies of the policies approved by the Executive. She also asked what came of the meeting between the USSU Executive and the NAIT Executive.

VP Henderson reminded all Councilors to swipe their student cards to verify their attendance. With regards to policy changes, he noted that the media policy was created because there wasn't a policy previously. The Human Resources policy outlines things such as vacation pay and hiring procedures for the organization. The changes to the poster policy were minimal, a notable being that if a student shows his/her student card, they will be able to put their posters up free of charge. He also noted that if people are not respecting the poster policy, they will be sent a warning and if they continue, their poster privileges will be revoked. If anyone is interested in obtaining copies of the USSU policies, they can either stop by the office or go to the USSU website.

Councilor Ferrara asked what the presentation from Tomas Linear to the Executive was regarding. VP Wallace mentioned that he came to Executive to ask permission to come to Council to present his position on University purchasing policies. Council will be given the same information that was given to the Executive.

Councilor Taylor asked for an update on on-line voting and he suggested that we look at on-line attendance for Council. He also raised another issue with the poster policy regarding jurisdiction over the tunnel area.

VP Henderson responded to Councilor Taylor's questions. He noted that the attendance of Councilors will be on-line. This way students will have access to how well their Councilors are representing their respective colleges. He also mentioned that when people are getting their posters stamped at the Information Centre, they are told that they can only hang the posters up to the point of the doorways at the end of the Tunnel.

President Hutchinson responded to Councilor Schneider's inquiry regarding the Executive trip to Edmonton. She noted that the University of Alberta Student's Union has a very interesting agreement with their Administration on how they share space. It is something that she is looking at seriously. The Executive took tours of both the U of A and the NAIT campuses. She ensured Council that more information would follow.

Councilor Popovic asked for clarification on the severity of the placieriel.com website. President Hutchinson responded by noting that the USSU has sought legal advice and that a letter has been sent to the former student who created the website. The name of the website has been changed to universitybazaar.com.

Councilor Hewson thanked the USSU and Council for assisting with Shinerama. He requested that if anyone had contact information for fundraising people on their College Society, to please forward it to him as he is attempting to make this a campus-wide initiative. He also asked if it would be possible to get the mission and vision statement of the Women's Centre for the last couple of years.

VP Wallace asked if any of the Councilors had gone to their college societies to inquire about putting overheads up in the classrooms. If anyone has comments, please stop in to see VP Wallace or send him an e-mail.

Councilor Taylor asked to have a definite line drawn so that students know exactly where they can put their posters up so they don't get them ripped down. He also asked for advice on communicating with his college's student body as they are generally spread out over a number of buildings.

VP Henderson responded to Councilor Hewson's question about the Women's Centre. The current Director's name and contact information is in the proposal if anyone wishes to contact her. He also clarified that the current USSU poster policy outlines the space that is controlled by the USSU. He suggested that the ASSU put up posters advertising where students can get their posters stamped if they want to put them up in the Arts & Science building.

Councilor Schneider responded to Councilor Taylor's question. She suggested that e-mailing a college newsletter works well for their College Society. She recommended that

all Councilors look into something similar to this to get the word out to all students. Councilor Torrie added that the Engineering Students Society has a bulletin board outside of their office.

VP Henderson noted that all ratified college clubs and societies have access to assistance through DCS in setting up an e-mail listserv for their college. Councilor Taylor mentioned that he has been informed that mass e-mails are not supposed to be sent out. Councilor Schneider clarified that the general student body cannot send out these types of e-mails, however the College Society is able to obtain that information if you get permission from your Dean. She asked when the USC listserv would be up and running. VP Henderson responded that he is waiting for everyone to get his/her contact information to him.

VP Wallace suggested that the overheads to go into the classrooms could have college specific information included as well as USSU information.

Councilor Stewart shared that students from the College of Engineering, primarily being male, do not use the services of the Women's Centre. He suggested that something entitled "Family Services" would be a more useful alternative.

Chair Ringguth asked for clarification from the Executive on bringing up issues for the next meetings Business Items. President Hutchinson responded that it was appropriate to bring suggestions to the table, however the issue would not be debated until the following meeting. Councilor Taylor suggested that because all students don't use the services of the Help Centre or the LGB Centre, doesn't necessarily mean that the service doesn't assist some students. Councilor Hewson gave some history on the Women's Centre leaving the USSU. One of the main conditions was that the USSU's policy and that the Women's Centre policy didn't match. Unfortunately because Dr. Pezer is not willing to provide continued financial assistance to the Women's Centre, they are now coming to the USSU for the purpose of financial backing. He asked what sort of plan was in place for these two bodies to work harmoniously if they do become a part of the USSU again.

Councilor ?? asked for the Executive to comment on the attendance at Blue Monday. VP Henderson explained that there was a deconstruct meeting held last week and the USSU Programmer is in the process of putting together a document detailing the budget for the event and expected changes for next year.

Move to close Questions and Comments.

MOTION USC04: Wallace/Henderson Carried.

Any Other Business

Nothing to discuss.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC05: Wallace/Barber Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, September 26th, 2001

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

5.1 Women's Centre - Director, Maria Alexopoulos & Dr. Vera Pezer

Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes: September 20th, 2001

6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report

6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report: September 24th, 2001

6.8 Elections Board Minutes and Report

6.9 Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report

Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: September 25th, 2001

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

9.1 Move to create the USSU Women's Centre and approve the allocation of \$16,132 for the 2001/2002 budget

9.2 Board Selections (Operations & Finance Board - 1 vacancy)

New Business

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

13. Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, September 27th, 2001

PRESENT

Janelle Hutchinson, President
Scott Henderson, VP Operations
Jenn Barber, VP Student Issues
Jack Wallace, VP Academic
April Zerr, Agriculture
Virginia Isley, Arts & Science
Blair Taylor, Arts & Science
Michelle MacDonald, Commerce
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry
Lyle Popovic, Education
Samara Worth, Education
Geoff Stewart, Engineering
Maureen Torrie, Engineering
Andrew Merryweather, Kinesiology
Erin Stang, Law
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Jennifer Leuschen, Nursing
Natalie Ferrara, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Dan Hewson, Physical Therapy
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More College
Kirsten Derald, Arts & Science
Jessica Paterson, Veterinary Medicine

ABSENT

Connor McManus, Voyageur Place
Residence

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Ringguth, Chair
Cameron Arcand, Arts & Science
Kristoffer Bergen, Arts & Science
Michel Carpentier, Arts & Science
Tasha Elliott, USSU Help Centre
Kristi Exley, Arts & Science
Renee Gibbins, Arts & Science
Devin Guedo, Arts & Science
Megan Morman, Arts & Science
Emily Morris, Arts & Science
Candace Northey, Arts & Science
David Racette-Campbell, Arts &
Science
Bianca Thomas, Arts & Science
Ryan Whyley, USSU LGB Centre
Stacey Yooya, Unclassified

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda was adopted as read.

4. Introductions and Announcements

VP Wallace introduced Kelly Andrews from the Sheaf.

Councilor Brost announced that the Newman Centre will be hosting the first Coffee House of the year. It will be at STM at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 and \$5 for members. He also introduced Kirstin Derald, his Co-Councilor.

VP Henderson introduced Maria from the U of S Women's Centre and Dr. Vera Pezer, who will both be speaking to Council this evening. He distributed letters from various university departments in support of the Women's Centre. He also distributed a document created by the USSU Researcher entitled "Post Secondary in the News." He also noted that nearly all of the USC minutes are now on line.

5. Council Address

Move that the Women's Centre Director, Maria Alexopolous and Dr. Vera Pezer, from Student Affairs and Services be allowed to address Council and that they be granted full speaking privileges for the duration of tonight's meeting.

MOTION USC06: Henderson/Ferrara Carried.

Ms. Alexopolous started by thanking the USSU, in particular, VP Henderson as well as Ryan Whyley, Dr. Pezer and Dr. Pond for their valuable support. She went on to read the mission and vision statement of the Women's Centre. She also outlined some of the Centre's goals for the year and spoke on the various services offered by the Centre.

She explained that over the last couple of years, being autonomous from the USSU, the Centre has experienced some difficulties with accountability and access to resources.

Dr. Pezer spoke to Council in support of the Women's Centre affiliation with the USSU. She congratulated Ms. Alexopolous for taking on the responsibility of attempting to regain their status with the USSU. She expressed her support for the unity of the two bodies.

A Councilor questioned the welcoming atmosphere of the Women's Centre for men with children. Dr. Pezer explained that the name is on a connotation and that men should not feel uncomfortable using the services of the Centre.

Clarification was requested on the reasons behind the Women's Centre leaving the USSU in the first place. Dr. Pezer explained that the Director of the Centre at that time was interested in being autonomous and free to do their own thing.

Councilor Patterson shared the responses from the students in her college. Although most of them had positive opinions on the Centre, they didn't see themselves using it.

Councilor Urmson suggested that the Women's Centre be changed to a Family Centre.

The Chair thanked Dr. Pezer for attending Council.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

Move to suspend the rules to make an announcement.

MOTION USC07: Schneider/Wallace Carried.

Councilor Schneider announced that this Friday, October 5th, Commerce is having a golf tournament and Thursday, October 11th they are having a small town pubcrawl. Tickets will go on sale this Monday.

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to add Councilor Sharma to the "Present" list, as he wasn't able to use his student card at the last Council meeting.

MOTION USC08: Sharma/Hutchinson Carried.

Move to add Councilor MacDonald to page 6 remarks.

MOTION USC09: MacDonald/Henderson Carried.

Move to adopt the minutes as amended.

MOTION USC10: Brost/Leuschen Carried.

6.2 Appointments Board Minutes

President Hutchinson reviewed the minutes for September 24th.

Move to add Councilor Urmson's name to the "present" list.

MOTION USC11: Urmson/Brost Carried.

Move to adopt the minutes as amended.

MOTION USC12: Wallace/Hutchinson Carried.

7. Minutes and Reports for Information

President Hutchinson reviewed the Executive Committee minutes for September 25th, 2001. VP Barber explained her conference proposal.

8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

No motions.

9. Business

9.1 Women's Centre Motion

Move to consider this motion informally.

MOTION USC13: Hutchinson/Wallace Carried.

VP Wallace brought up a point of information, requested that the Chair explain to the delegation what considering the motion informally means. The Chair clarified that considering a motion informally, means that a couple of the rules are suspended; people will be allowed to speak more than twice on the issue and speaking time limits will not be enforced.

Councilor Urmson asked how they could foresee not having problems with the Women's Centre again, if they come on board.

Councilor Ferrara asked the Director of the Women's Centre if they had considered other options for funding. Ms. Alexopolous explained that because the Centre is on campus, they would prefer to having funding from the campus, instead of outside funding.

Councilor Schneider commented that she believed that the reason the Centre left the USSU was because their mandates were different and that she felt that it would be possible that next year's Director may have a different philosophy and prefer to be autonomous again. She suggested that it may be possible to combine the Help Centre, the LGB Centre and the Women's Centre.

Mr. Whyley, LGB Centre Director, noted that the Centres are very different and that they do offer distinct services. VP Henderson added that the VP of Operations at the time of the split, was mandated by this Council to review the functions of the Women's Centre. He listed two problems; autonomy and the collective governing process. VP Henderson noted that he felt these problems would be easily overcome.

Councilor Stewart mentioned that many students felt that the Women's Centre is not very welcoming. He also noted that most students with harassment difficulties go to their colleges or the USSU directly to receive support. He suggested that a Family Centre may be more widely utilized by the student body.

Councilor Stang extended her support to Councilor Stewart's comments. She feels that a Family Services Centre would be a very positive expansion to the Centre's mandate.

VP Barber noted that she doesn't foresee any difficulties with the Women's Centre. She also mentioned that certain services offered by the Women's Centre, such as abortion and abuse counselling are important to offer female students, especially in a safe environment.

Ms. Northey, former Director of the Women's Centre, explained that when the Centre became autonomous, she wasn't completely clear how it came to be or what it would mean for the Centre. When the Centre went autonomous, they were no longer accountable to any certain body. She also stressed that a Family Centre would not be able to offer the same type of environment for women, although the Centre certainly welcomes men and partners to visit.

Councilor Paterson spoke to the issue. She mentioned that she had a surprising amount of responses from men in her College expressing a need for a "family centre." She also asked how the Centre will reach out to campus and to let men know that they are welcome.

Council Leuschen communicated her support for a Women's Centre. She also recognized the fact that her College's male members have not been in contact with the Women's Centre.

Mr. Campbell, a volunteer at the Women's Centre, spoke to suggestions regarding a Family Centre. He expressed his concern over losing the safe environment of the Women's Centre for women that are in abusive relationships or need abortion support.

VP Wallace asked what support and resources were available for men dealing with abortion. Ms. Alexopolous responded by explaining that everyone is welcome in the Centre for support and to use the resources. She also addressed the issue of communicating the purpose of the Centre and welcomed any suggestions.

Ms. Thompson of St. Thomas More College shared her support for the Centre. She also mentioned that men are not turned away from the Centre and that they should not feel uncomfortable using the resources.

Stacey Yooya, Unclassified Student and former Centre Director, shared her support for the Centre joining with the USSU again. She explained that while she was Director, the Centre had a more radical outlook and since things have shifted, she feels it would be beneficial for the Centre to be a part of the USSU again.

Councilor Merryweather asked if Ms. Alexopolous could give Council an idea of the number of students that visit the Centre. She shared that approximately, on average, thirty people visit the Centre every day.

Mr. Carpentier, of Arts & Science, shared the feedback he got from students in his College. A Family Centre was favoured over the Women's Centre. He also noted that the service should be valuable for both male and female students.

Council MacDonald asked where this additional expense will fit into the USSU budget. She also questioned where to draw the line on over expenditures. VP Wallace explained that USC is the governing body of the USSU and as such, it has authority to pass or not pass a motion.

Mr. Bergen, Arts & Science, spoke to the suggestion the implementation of a Family Centre. He mentioned that there are certain issues, such as rape or spousal abuse, that do fall under the mandate of a Family Centre.

VP Henderson spoke to the question of what would happen if the Women's Centre would want to become autonomous again next year. He explained that they left by motion of USC and if it's the will of Council, they will return by motion of USC. Awareness of the Centre will be displayed in their bulletin board, a monthly newsletter, buzzboards, the USSU website, the Survival Calendar, and CFCR. He also explained that the money will come from the contingency fund, which is \$132,000.

Councilor Urmson shared that his college does not use the Women's Centre, although they do agree with the services, they would like to see the services of the Centre incorporated into a Family Centre. He feels that a Centre that is more welcoming to male students, would be able to deal with issues such as rape, abuse and abortion, from a female and male perspective.

Councilor Stewart noted that the Centre isn't currently fulfilling its mandate if many female student in Engineering either don't know of the Centre or don't know where it is. Councilor Stang suggested that the name of the Centre itself is possibly the issue. She also suggested that Council pass the motion for this year, however strongly consider attempting to evolve the Centre into a Family Centre.

Councilor Stewart asked if Council could make a motion to change the name of the Centre. VP Henderson responded that it could and that this body can direct any of it's standing boards.

Councilor Sharma asked about the salary, wages and benefits for the Centre employees. VP Henderson responded by explaining that the salary is \$10,154 for seven months of the year, which is the same amount for the other USSU Centres.

Councilor Ferrara asked where the Centre would send men who come in for support on adoption and abortion issues. She also suggested that the Centre send out volunteers to spread the word around to the colleges.

Councilor Schneider suggested that the name of the Centre implies that it's primarily an environment for women. She also suggested that all of the Centres should work on these issues together and make all of the Centres welcoming for all students. VP Henderson explained that there is a Centres Board, which consists of the Director from each Centre, the Facilities Manager and himself. Councilor MacDonald asked about the appropriateness of using contingency funds for the Centre. VP Henderson explained that the money is there for surprise capital purchases, emergencies and other unexpected expenses.

Mr. Berg of Arts & Science explained that the Women's Centre recognizes the issues facing women and that there is a need on campus for comfortable spaces for all students.

Tasha Elliott, Help Centre Director....???

Move to call the question.

MOTION USC14: Zerr/Stewart DEFEATED.

Ryan Whyley, speaking as a student, noted that neither the LGB Centre or the Help Centre would be able to effectively absorb the duties of the Women's Centre.

VP Barber addressed Councilor Stewart's concerns about men being able to access the services of the Centre. She mentioned that every time she has visited the Centre there have been men present and that there are a lot of students on campus that choose to not be aware of issues.

Councilor Torrie spoke to the issue of the name change. She feels that men get the feeling that they would not get respect as a man visiting the Centre. She pointed out that it's the Centre's responsibility to respect all students, not just women.

Megan Morman, former LGB Centre Director, spoke in regards to the other Centres absorbing the Women's Centre's duties. She feels that the other two Centres are not equipped to deal with anymore responsibilities. She also feels the Centre is necessary to address women's issues.

Councilor Stewart noted that by not being willing to change the name, male students are never going to feel welcome there and it's important for the Centre to make all students welcome. He shared that a female in his College was not welcome at the Centre because her boyfriend was a writer for the Red Eye. He feels that the name of the Centre implies that it's a man bashing environment.

Mr. Campbell, Arts & Science, expressed his concerns. He noted that concerns normally come up when there is a mandate and there are always issues that have to be addressed. He also mentioned that changes are needed and that they will not

happen overnight. He feels that working with the USSU will help to make those changes happen a little quicker.

Councilor Stang asked what would happen if the motion gets approved tonight and how long it will take for things to change over to the USSU as well as how long it would take to hire a Director. VP Henderson explained that if the Centre becomes a part of the USSU by means of vote tonight, it is effective immediately. The selection of the Director is through a committee, which is comprised of the Facilities Manager and the VP Operations, among others.

Councilor Schneider asked if anyone else on campus can provide these services. VP Henderson clarified that the mandate of the Centres is created as a part of the USSU's strategic planning, which is a part of the annual budgeting process.

Ms. Alexopolous mentioned that almost all universities have a Women's Centre. Right now her priority is to keep the services available to students.

Councilor MacDonald pointed out that many of the concerns brought up this evening are regarding the subculture and those types of problems are easily remedied. She feels that many of the female students who visit the Centre have serious problems and that they depend on the resources there for support.

VP Henderson noted that changing of an operations takes a lot of time and money. There is a lot of thought and promotion that must go into the process.

Mr. Berg, Arts & Science, pointed out that the Department of Women and Gender Studies has also had the same difficulties as the Women's Centre in that people assume it only serves a purpose to female students.

Councilor Sharma noted that he didn't know much about the Centre prior to the last week, and that he is in full support of the motion today, but added that the USSU would have to ensure some changes are made in a timely manner regarding the subculture of the Centre.

Move to split the motion into two segments: 1) to create the USSU Women's Centre and 2) approve the allocation of \$16,132 for the Women's Centre.

MOTION USC15: Leuschen/Henderson DEFEATED.

Move to exhaust the speakers list.

MOTION USC16: Stewart/Stang Carried.

Move to create the USSU Women's Centre and to approve the allocation of \$16.132 from the 2001/2002 budget.

MOTION USC17: Henderson/Barber Carried.

VP Wallace abstains and Councilor Schneider is opposed.

9.2 Board Selections

VP Henderson reminded Council that there is an opening on the Operations and Finance Board.

Councilor Zerr and Councilor Hewson were nominate to fill the vacancy. After a vote, Council appointed Councilor Zerr to the Operations and Finance Board.

10. New Business

No new business.

11. Questions and Comments

VP Wallace reminded Council to have their contact for the University Council College representatives to him as soon as possible.

Councilor Stewart announced that his College is having a Small Town Drive on October 13th.

Councilor Brost asked what came out of the forum that was held yesterday between the USSU and BOCP regarding the USSU withdrawing its membership from BOCP. President Hutchinson clarified that a decision will be made by the Executive on the upcoming Tuesday and that it will be in the Executive minutes. She updated Council on the situation.

Councilor Urmson expressed his concern with a recent tuition article and the rates of tuition relevant to the College of Medicine. President Hutchinson responded by noting that the USSU has a petition circulating. She assured that the issue would be brought to both the provincial and federal government. She encouraged all Council members to have students write their stories and situations down and forward them to her.

VP Wallace spoke to the issue of the withdrawal from BOCP. He mentioned that he will be available as a resource, along with VP Henderson, President Hutchinson and VP Barber, if the College Presidents should happen to have any questions.

Councilor Schneider expressed her concern with a past article that ran in the Sheaf regarding the organization of the Commerce BBQ. She noted that the information in the article was not factual and asked if USC has any power to stop these articles from appearing in the Sheaf. Robin Mowat, Sheaf Editor, responded to her concerns. He noted that they did receive some complaints about the article and that a letter from a Commerce student involved in planning last years BBQ has been published in this week's edition.

Councilor Hewson mentioned that although he is pleased to see that a tuition petition is being circulated, he feels that this is just the first step in a long battle. He suggested that a serious plan be formulated to address further tuition hikes.

Councilor Leuschen addressed the Editor of the Sheaf. She expressed concern about the accuracy of an article in the Entertainment section.

Councilor Stang spoke to the issue of increasing tuition. She is in agreement with Councilor Hewson that much more needs to be done, in the lease, providing the University with a direction and communicating to them where student want their money to go.

VP Henderson asked if all Councilors could ensure that the students in their Colleges only sign the petition once. He also ensured that the USSU is working on a bigger plan, including holding Talk Back sessions in the Tunnel, and visiting College Society meetings. VP Wallace added that student testimonials are also being video taped.

Councilor Ferrara asked about the reimbursement of the Health and Dental fee. President Hutchinson noted that as long as you have your opt out receipt, the fee will eventually be taken off of your tuition statement. She also asked that all Councilors pass this information along to their fellow students.

Councilor Schneider expressed her concern with the student loan process. She noted that a student in her College is experiencing serious difficulties in communicating with the student loans people. President Hutchinson suggested that the student visit Evelyn Smith for an emergency student loan.

Councilor Urmson shared that students from his College are getting together and writing a letter to the government. He suggested that other Colleges do the same.

Councilor Hewson spoke to student loans. He noted that he has just received confirmation that he has been awarded a \$1500 scholarship. This was good news, however, he noted that he had applied for over \$30,000 in financial aid.

Councilor Schneider suggested that the USSU lobby for anyone to receive student loans. VP Henderson noted that Megan Kolibab is the representative on the Scholarships and Awards Committee.

12. Any Other Business

No other business.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC18: Wallace/Henderson

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, October 4th, 2001

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1 USC Minutes: September 27th, 2001**
- 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
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- 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.10 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.11 Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**

Minutes and Reports for Information

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Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

- 9.1** Be it resolved that an ad hoc committee be formed to examine the mandate, functioning and name of the USSU Women's Centre to make it more amicable to all University of Saskatchewan students. The committee -- including Members of Student Council and representatives from the Help Centre, LGB Centre and Women's Centre -- will report back to the University Students' Council no later than December 6, 2001, with a plan to be implemented on May 1, 2002.

New Business

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

14. Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council
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Lyle Popovic, Education
Samara Worth, Education
Geoff Stewart, Engineering
Maureen Torrie, Engineering
Andrew Merryweather, Kinesiology
Erin Stang, Law
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Jennifer Leuschen, Nursing
Natalie Ferrara, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Dan Hewson, Physical Therapy
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More College
Kirsten Derdall, St. Thomas More
Jessica Paterson, Veterinary Medicine

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Ringguth, Chair

ABSENT

Connor McManus, VPRA

REGRETS

Erin Stang, Law

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Move to add under Council Address "Ryan Whyley, LGB Centre Director," to change the date of the Executive Committee Minutes for Information to October 2nd.

MOTION USC19: Hutchinson/

Move to change the motion under Business to read "including three Members of Student Council, a representative from the Help Centre, one from the LGB Centre and one from the Women's Centre," and add at the end "that the Members of Student Council be appointed by the University Students Council and the Chair of the Committee would be appointed at the first Committee meeting."

MOTION USC20: Urmson

Chair Ringguth moved the motion from Business to New Business.

Introductions and Announcements

VP Henderson asked that each Councilor take one of each of the posters advertising various sessions; campus clubs and planning an event, as well as the introduction of the unclassified studies students society. President Hutchinson also asked that if any Councilors were interested, to please take a poster on underage drinking to put up in their colleges.

Councilor Sharma announced that the College of Dentistry will be holding a mouth guard clinic on October the 13th from noon until 5 p.m. All proceeds will be going to Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Councilor Zerr extended the College of Agriculture's thanks to anyone who participated in or contributed to the United Way event held yesterday. Over \$3400 was raised.

Councilor Stewart announced that Engineering is having a pubcrawl next Friday and a Small Town Drive on October 13th.

Mr. Swan, President of ISC announced that they are going through the process of electing their new Executive. Their MSC will chosen and be attending Council in a couple of weeks. Mr. Swan will be representing the ISC in the meantime.

Councilor Schneider announced that next Thursday, October 11th, Commerce is having their Small Town Pub Crawl. Buses will leave the Sutherland at 6:30p.m. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Council Address

Move to limit the Council Address to thirty minutes.

MOTION USC20: Hutchinson/Merryweather Carried.

President Hutchinson introduced Ryan Whyley, LGB Centre Director.

Mr. Whyley spoke to Council about the issue of LGBT friendly housing on campus.

He explained the "2 in 20" philosophy for housing. The program is already operating at the University of Massachusetts. The model creates a positive living environment for students of all sexual orientation, specifically lesbian, gay, bisexual and heterosexual ally students.

His objective over the summer was to gather support from faculty, alumni and staff on campus. He also gathered testimonials from students that experienced difficulties, based on their sexual orientation, in residence. Many incidences go unreported as students are not comfortable explaining why they were harassed.

After hearing about these incidences, Mr. Whyley decided to investigate what other Universities were doing to address this issue. Most Universities do have some sort of program in place to remedy these types of problems.

Education and sensitivity training alone are not enough to eliminate homophobia. His proposal is basically just a change in room designations. It creates a safe community and eliminates unnecessary traffic. The cost to implement this program will be minimal and he noted that he is hopeful it will be put into place as soon as possible.

Councilor Brost asked what the name of the program meant. Mr. Whyley clarified that the name reflects studies done indicating that 1 in 10 people is lesbian or gay.

Councilor Urmson asked if segregation was a solution. Mr. Whyley recognized that that question had been raised and that he personally feels that education alone doesn't have a huge impact and that something a little more drastic has to be done to make these students feel comfortable in their living space. This is a proactive way to make everyone happy to be on campus.

Councilor MacDonald asked why this issue was being brought to campus after it was on the front page of the Star Phoenix and being endorsed by the USSU. Mr. Whyley explained that over the summer he submitted a proposal and the USSU gave him permission to carry it out. The media picked up on the situation and unfortunately, some of the articles ended up reflecting an "us against them" attitude, which was certainly not what the LGB Centre wanted to see happen. President Hutchinson clarified that this proposal was brought forward before Council was meeting.

Councilor Taylor asked what VPRA felt about the proposal. Mr. Whyley explained that he has attempted to get into touch with many different bodies across campus and that he has really gotten much of a response from VPRA.

Mr. Whyley welcomed any further questions or comments.

Minutes and Reports for Action

Move to add Steven Swan to the also present list, move Blair Taylor and Lyle Popovic to the regrets list. On the bottom of page one, under Introductions and Announcements, VP Wallace introduced KellyAnn Riese and on page nine, section 9.2, it should read Councilor Zerr and Councilor Merryweather.

MOTION USC21: Hutchinson/

Move to change the date from Friday, October 5th to Friday, October 28th and on page Kolibab should read Kolybaba.

MOTION USC22: Schneider/

Move to add Councilor Stewart to the fifth paragraph under Council Address on page 2.

MOTION USC23: Stewart/

Move to add ????? to the second paragraph on page 9 under Questions and Comments.

MOTION USC24: Stewart/

VP Wallace noted that the number of amendments to the minutes likely reflects that Councilors are not speaking loudly enough.

Move to adopt the minutes as amended.

MOTION USC24: Schneider/Ferrara Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

President Hutchinson reviewed the Executive Committee minutes for October 2nd.

Move to amend Club Ratification to read "Political Studies and Public Admin Student Society" and on the last page it was VP Wallace not VP Henderson who attended the Integrated Planning meeting.

MOTION USC25: Hutchinson/

Move to accept the minutes as amended.

MOTION USC26: Hutchinson/

Motions Arising from the Minutes

No motion arising from the minutes.

Business

No business.

New Business

Councilor Urmson explained that he and a couple of fellow students felt it necessary to bring up the issue of the Women's Centre being a welcoming environment to all students on campus. He asked all Councilors to be prepared to discuss this motion at next weeks meeting.

Questions and Comments

Councilor Stewart asked for clarification on the cost of VP Wallace's CART Conference proposal. VP Wallace noted that he got his plane ticket during a seat sale and that the conference fee covers the entire five days as well as accommodations. He assured that he would have the conference proposal available for next week's meeting.

Councilor Urmson noted that all students in the College of Medicine are going to sign the tuition petition. He asked what was the USSU's position on student fees? President Hutchinson clarified that student fees are in her portfolio and she is planning on developing an official position paper on the issue. She sits on the Provincial Scholarships, Loans and Bursaries Committee as a student representative. Now that the program is integrated, she is hopeful that it will be easier to change things.

Councilor Brost questioned the absence of Councilor McManus. He also asked what was meant by more "amicable" in the motion under New Business. VP Henderson asked if the Chair and the Code of Ethics Committee could investigate the absences of Councilor McManus and report back to Council. Chair Ringguth ensured that he would look into the matter. Councilor Urmson explained that amicable was a more professional way to say friendly.

Councilor Taylor asked what had been decided about the Women's Centre's photocopier. VP Henderson explained that when he met with the USSU General Manager and Facilities and Support Services Manager, they discussed transitional issues and what could happen now and what would take a little longer. They are investigating the use of leaving it in the MUB building, however, having it accessible to the LGB Centre, the Women's Centre, Louis, and Browsers.

VP Henderson noted that he was very excited to announce that the Pie Throw will occur on November 1st.

Councilor Schneider thanked Councilor Torrie and Councilor Stewart for bringing their calendar of events to Council. She noted that it would be a great idea for all Councilors to announce their events for the week. She also asked for clarification on the amendments to campus group fees policy. VP Henderson explained the new rates and noted that that because our insurance premiums have gone up, the campus club insurance rates have increased.

VP Wallace cautioned that a name change along to the Women's Centre would not necessarily change the welcoming environment of the Centre.

Councilor Taylor suggested that if the overheads in the classrooms were not going to work, that the Executive and MSC's could hold forums in some of the larger colleges. He also mentioned that the ASSU is giving away a broken 40" TV. They have a draw box set up at their office.

Councilor Ferrara askedVP Wallace noted that the USSU has always struggled with increasing awareness and asked for suggestions on getting the word about our services out to students. Councilor Derald suggested that the USSU work with the Department of Computing Services to create more links to the University's web site.

Councilor Schneider responded to the comments made on the Women's Centre name change. She noted that the motion brought forward to Council tonight was to address not only the name change, but the services offered and the mandate of the Centre. She also suggested that increasing awareness works well if more Councilors and the Executive get out and have fun with the students.

Councilor Stewart noted that increasing awareness should be primarily done at the beginning of the year and that small events such as pop and pizza nights, don't cost much, but get students out and help to put names to the faces.

Councilor Taylor asked if any of the Executive attended the Town Hall on Computing. VP Henderson responded that VP Wallace, VP Barber and himself all attended the meeting.

VP Wallace asked that Councilors e-mail their suggestions for increasing awareness to the Executive. He also noted that he was very pleased with the response he got from students regarding the changes with the Women's Centre.

Councilor Hewson asked if the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee would be allowed to vote. Chair Ringguth confirmed that in committees the Chair is allowed to vote.

Councilor Taylor asked if someone could share what happened at the Computing Town Hall meeting. VP Wallace noted that the meeting was noted what they had expected. There were a number of students there speaking on mandatory fees for Arts & Sciences.

Councilor MacDonald commented that she strongly supports the USSU remaining a part of BOCP. She also noted that she would be circulating the tuition petition to students in her College.

Move to extend questions and comments for an additional thirty minutes.

MOTION USC27: Wallace/Taylor Carried.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC28: ???/??? Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda
Thursday, October 11th, 2001

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

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Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

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New Business

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

15. Any Other Business

Adjournment

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REGRETS

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Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Call for Quorum

Quorum is present.

Adoption of the Agenda

The motion under Item 9.1 should read "Be it resolved that an ad hoc committee be formed to examine the mandate, functioning and name of the USSU Women's Centre to make it more amicable to all University of Saskatchewan students. The Committee including three Members of Student Council, a representative from the Help Centre, one from the LGB Centre and one from the Women's Centre will report back to University Students Council no later than December 6th, 2001, with a plan to be implemented on May 1, 2002. The Members of Student Council will be appointed by USC and the Chair of the Committee will be appointed at the first Committee meeting.

Move to add a presentation from the Registrar and Student Services Merger Committee under Council Address.

MOTION USC32: Wallace/Hewson Carried.

Move to address Item 9.1 after the Council Address, as Item 5.5.

MOTION USC33: Schneider/Leuschen Carried.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

MOTION USC34: Wallace/Schneider Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Ferrara introducedfrom the College of Pharmacy.

Councilor Worth announced that the EDD is having a beer night on Friday at the Sutherland. It's \$2 for non-members and members are free.

VP Henderson announced that next Tuesday, October the 16th is the Club Information meeting in Place Riel Theatre at 5 p.m. He also mentioned that all MSC are invited to attend the Peter Mansbridge lecture next Wednesday, October the 17th, free of charge. You can pick up your ticket at the USSU front office. He also noted that Wayne Lee, the Hip Hypnotist, is performing at Louis' tonight.

Councilor Taylor reported that the ASSU gave away their broken TV. The ASSU is having a study break BBQ at the Sutherland Bar this Saturday. It's from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. and is an all-ages event.

President Hutchinson introduced Ann

Councilor Stang announced that tomorrow night, the LSA is having a movie night in Place Riel Theatre. It's free if you're a member, but if you bring a donation for the Arthritis Society, it's free to everybody. She also noted that the UinTouch, a listserve set up for first year students, has been set up to communicate special events and dates.

VP Wallace confirmed that the Grievance Workshop will be held at 1 p.m. on November 16th in Place Riel Theatre. This is an opportunity for faculty, students and staff to talk about the proper ways to deal with grievances.

Councilor Schneider announced on Thursday, October 18th the Marketing Students Society is having a three-legged pub-crawl. Tickets will go on sale this Monday at the Commerce main landing. They are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Councilor Zerr announced that the College of Agriculture and the Sask Voc Ag Association are having a Small Town Pub-Crawl on Thursday, October 18th. Tickets will be available on Monday in the Ag Lounge.

Councilor Stewart announced that the SESS is having a Small Town Dry this Saturday. There will not be a pub-crawl tomorrow night, it will be on October 26th instead.

Council Address

Move to go into Committee as a whole.

MOTION USC35: Wallace/Brost

Carried.

VP Wallace introduced Jana Danielson and Kelly McInnes who are part of the Student Affairs and Services and Registrar's Office Merger Committee. He noted that they are working on the student feedback side and encouraged Councilors to provide their input.

Ms. McInnes explained that she is the Coordinator of Student Awards at the Office of the Registrar and that she has been appointed to focus half of her time over the next six months on the merger of Student Affairs and Services and the Registrar's Office. She noted that the project came out of the Murphy Patterson report. The consultants made a series of recommendations, one of which was the integration of the functions of the Office of the Registrar and Student Affairs and Services. VP Atkinson has decided to put together a working committee with a set timeline. The deadline of the merger is to be no later than April 15th, 2002. She gave an overview of the various stakeholders in the project and the participants on the Committee.

She also gave an overview of the project. She explained the need for a student information system and mentioned that a business plan is currently being developed. Some of the data that the student information system group has researched will be used by the Merger Committee. She also pointed out that some of the key issues to be addressed by this project will be to formalize working relationships, to implement performance indicators and to improve the efficiency of both departments.

Ms. Danielson distributed the Committee's work plan for the next six months. She highlighted specific areas in which assistance and feedback from students would be necessary, notably information and data as well as research and innovation. She mentioned that a series of focus groups will be held. They have approximately six weeks to gather this information and out of that will come a survey that will go out to a select group of students. The focus groups will consist of about 10 to 15 students from various groups, such as Aboriginal students, student with Disabilities as well as students from most colleges. She asked for Councilors' help to recruit volunteers.

The basic information they are looking to get out of the focus groups include what kind of service are student receiving on campus, how long are they having to wait, and what sort of services would they like to see in the future. The Merger Committee is planning to have recommendations in place by February.

Business

Move to read the motion as printed under 9.1.

MOTION USC36: Stewart/Leuschen Carried.

Councilor Schneider spoke in favour of the motion. She noted that both Councilor Stewart and Councilor Taylor had suggestions for amendments to the motion. She suggested that it would be a good idea to include the Volunteer Centre Director as a member of the Committee as well as to keep the number of MSCs on the Committee the same as the number of Centre Directors on the Committee to keep voting fair.

Councilor Stang asked why it was necessary to have representatives on the Committee from the other Centres.

Councilor Brost suggested to add the word accessible to the motion as he felt amicable didn't include accessibility. He also asked if the Committee was being created to ensure the changes are being made or if the Committee was just to review the Women's Centre.

Councilor Taylor asked if the Director's from the Centres were contacted and asked to sit on this Committee.

Councilor Urmson noted that it was up to the Committee if they would solely review the Women's Centre or if they would ensure the changes were implemented. Representatives from the other Centres were recommended to sit on the board to provide input from their experiences in offering similar services.

They have not been contacted as they are a part of the USSU and he felt it would be in their best interest to attend.

VP Henderson asked if the Centre Directors would be paid to sit on this Committee. He also asked for clarification on the Executive's role on this Committee.

Move to amend the motion to read "if changes are deemed necessary, then the plan should be implemented by May 1, 2002."

Move to amend the motion to include the word " VP Operations and Finance" before the words "three members of Student Council."

MOTION USC37: Wallace/Henderson Carried.

VP Wallace gave a rationale for the motion. He indicated that the VP Operations and Finance works closely with the Centre Directors and it is a part of his portfolio.

Councilor Taylor noted that one of the issues he has is that if the VP Operations and Finance is included on the Committee, there may be a potential conflict of interest if there are three USSU employees on the Committee and only three MSCs on the Committee. His concern being that it should be up to Council as to what happens with the Centre, not the USSU. He is in favour of the VP Operations and Finance sitting on the Committee as he would be able to provide input on behalf of the other three Centres.

It was suggested to amend the amendment to have the membership include three members of Student Council, the VP Operations and Finance, and to strike representatives from the Help Centre and LGB Centre.

VP Wallace asked to call the question.

Focus is now on the main motion.

Move to strike representatives from the Help Centre, Women's Centre and the LGB Centre and replace that with three representatives from the Women's Centre.

MOTION USC38: Stang/Ferrara Carried.

Councilor Stang suggested that this formula would promote equal representation from both sides.

Councilor Patterson asked for VP Henderson's opinion on striking those members from the Committee. VP Henderson responded by explaining that all Committee and Council meetings are open to the public; however, the members of the Committee will be the only people allowed to vote. It may be an option to invite these people to various meetings to give their input.

Councilor Leuschen asked if she could make an amendment on the amendment. Chair Ringguth allowed for the amendment.

Move to change the number of representatives from the Women's Centre from three to two.

MOTION USC39: Leuschen/Taylor Carried.

Councilor Taylor agreed with the amendment as he explained that he believes USC should hold the balance of power on these kinds of decisions.

Councilor Hewson suggested that the VP Operations and Finance be designated as the Chair of the Committee to maintain a balance of power.

Move to call the question on the amendment to the amendment.

MOTION USC40: Brost/Stang Carried.

The motion before Council is now the amendment to the amendment to strike the Help Centre, Women's Centre and LGB Centre Directors and replace those with the members of the Women's Centre.

Move to call the question.

MOTION USC41: Brost/Patterson Carried.

Debate is now on the main motion.

Move to amend the motion to read "will report back to USC no later than December 6th, 2001 and if changes are deemed necessary, with a plan to implement it on May 1st, 2002."

MOTION USC42: Brost/Leuschen Carried.

Councilor Brost noted that this amendment will make the motion less one-sided. VP Wallace spoke in favour of the motion. Councilor Urmson also noted that he agreed with the amendment.

Debate is now on the main motion.

VP Henderson noted that USC does not meet on December the 6th.

VP Wallace sponsored Drew Hitchcock to speak to the motion. Mr. Hitchcock reminded Council that all decisions ultimately have to come back to Council for approval.

Councilor Stang suggested that with a large number of members on the Committee, it may be difficult to find a time to meet.

Move to strike three Members of Student Council and replace with two Members of Student Council.

MOTION USC43: Stang/Stewart Carried.

VP Wallace noted his abstention.

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implemented on May 1st, 2002. Members of Students Council will be appointed by the USC and the Chair of the Committee will be appointed at the first meeting."
Councilor Hewson asked if anyone else would feel it necessary to name the Chair of this Committee at this time.

Move to strike "the Chair will be appointed at the first meeting" and replace it with "will be appointed by USC."

MOTION USC44: Leuschen/Taylor Carried.
Council Taylor abstains.

Move to amend the amendment to read " the Committee will be chaired by the Vice President (Finance & Operations)."

MOTION USC45: Urmson/Wallace Carried.

Move to end debate on all amendments.

MOTION USC46: Wallace/Urmson Carried.

The motion now reads " The motion as amended presently reads " Be it resolved that an Ad Hoc Committee to formed to examine the mandate, functioning and name of the USSU Women's Centre to make it more amicable to all University of Saskatchewan students. The Committee, including the VP Operations & Finance, two members of Student Council, and two members of the Women's Centre, will report back to University Students Council no later than December 6th, 2001, and with changes being necessary, with the plan to be implemented on May 1st, 2002. Members of Students Council will be appointed by the USC and the Chair of the Committee will be the VP Operations and Finance."

Move to end debate.

MOTION USC47: Brost/Merryweather Carried.

Move to accept the motion as amended.

MOTION USC48: Urmson/??? Carried.

Chair Ringguth suggested that Council appoint members to sit on the Committee.

Move to table the appointments until next week's meeting as some members are not present.

MOTION USC49: Brost/Taylor DEFEATED

Councilor Urmson suggested that councilors to sit as members on the committee should be appointed today as there is a strict timeline.

VP Henderson reminded Council that any member of the USSU can sit in on any committee meeting. VP Wallace suggested that if members are not selected tonight, that things will be pushed back and the Committee will be rushed into their recommendations.

Members will be appointed to the Committee during Any Other Business.

Minutes and Reports for Action

USC Minutes

Move remove Councilor Stang's name from the present list for last week.

MOTION USC50: Stang/Henderson Carried.

Move to remove Councilor Patterson's name from the absent list to the regrets list as she sent her regrets to President Hutchinson prior to the meeting.

MOTION USC51: Hutchinson/Leuschen Carried.

Move to Jenn Barber's name from absent to regrets as she was ill.

MOTION USC52: Hutchinson/Patterson Carried.

Move to adopt the minutes as amended.

MOTION USC53: Wallace/Henderson Carried.

6.5 Appointments Board

Councilor Taylor asked if there was anything done about the Councilor from VPRA's absence. Chair Ringguth responded that he did speak with the Councilor from VPRA. She explained that her absence was due to prior commitments. She wasn't clear on the process of sending regrets and she ensured the Chair that she would send regrets in the future.

President Hutchinson reviewed the minutes for October 9th.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC54: Hutchinson/Taylor Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

Executive Committee Minutes

President Hutchinson reviewed the minutes for October 9th.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC55: Hutchinson/Henderson Carried.

Questions and Comments

Councilor Brost asked when the names of the MSCs would be updated on the USSU website. VP Henderson noted that the Communications Assistant will be taking care of updating those names as soon as possible.

Councilor Stang asked about the increase of insurance rates and that if in fact the insurance no longer covers pub-crawls. She also questioned how those changes were communicated to campus clubs. VP Henderson noted that he explained the insurance changes at last weeks meeting and that there will be a meeting next week for campus clubs and college societies to ask questions. He clarified that the insurance no longer covers pub-crawls.

Councilor Taylor asked about the newspaper article regarding the Gays and Lesbians of the U of S wanting a floor in residence. He noted that there was no mention of the endorsement of this proposal in the Executive Minutes. President Hutchinson clarified that they did discuss the proposal and that in fact, it may not have been formally noted in the minutes because it was not voted on.

Councilor Stewart noted that when their College Society sponsors an academic conference, the student does have to provide a formal report upon their return. He suggested that Council should expect the same from the Executive. VP Henderson clarified that Executive does submit conference proposals to USC.

Councilor Taylor responded to VP Wallace's request for ideas on advertising. He suggested that the USSU move their ads from the last page of the second section of the Sheaf to the last page of the first section as it is read more. He also commented on the USSU's assistance given to the Unclassified Studies Student Society with advertising for their elections. He suggested the USSU do the same for other College Societies.

VP Wallace responded to Councilor Taylor's comments regarding advertising. He asked for any suggestions to be e-mailed to the address provided by VP Henderson at the previous USC meeting. VP Henderson noted that the USSU does assist College Societies in advertising their events on the back page of the Sheaf.

Councilor Popovic asked if Council would be willing to provide those MSCs driving in from out of town for meetings with a night parking pass. Councilor Stewart suggested that there is free parking on campus during the evenings atit is usually open at 6 p.m. and fills up by 7 p.m. for classes.

Councilor Stewart commented on a recent article in the Sheaf regarding the College of Engineering's Software Program.

Councilor Taylor commented on the Buzz Boards not having advertising on the Unclassified Studies Students Meeting and the Campus Club Meeting. VP Henderson noted that the volunteers responsible for putting up the posters was unable to do the poster run as he has academic commitments.

VP Wallace apologized for Steven Swan's absence this evening. He also encouraged Councilor Stewart to visit his office if he is having programming issues with his College.

President Hutchinson clarified the issue on the Software Engineering program. It is currently being offered through Arts & Science as a Computer Science degree.

Councilor Popovic responded to VP Wallace's comment regarding preferred placement. He noted that it would not have helped his situation as he is also coaching football and has other commitments.

Councilor Taylor commended the USSU for the CASA display and asked if they received any feedback. President Hutchinson noted that she is planning on having a CASA day every month to communicate the mandate of the organization. She also encouraged Councilors to visit the new CASA website. VP Wallace mentioned that he received many comments and that he would pass them on to President Hutchinson to take to the CASA Conference.

VP Henderson thanked Councilor Hewson and the students from the School of Physical Therapy for their welcoming him into their School to set up the USSU display.

Councilor Taylor commended the USSU for including the Talk Back Section on the back page of the Sheaf.

Councilor Leuschen asked if she should speak with VP Barber about getting more computers for the Health Sciences lab. President Hutchinson noted that it would be appropriate for her to speak with VP Barber.

Robin Mowat, Editor of the Sheaf, encouraged all MSCs to go back to their College Societies to let them know that the Sheaf is looking for writers.

Councilor Taylor asked when Councilors would get a contact sheet and when photos would be taken. VP Henderson promised to have the contact sheet ready for the next meeting providing he gets the information from the ISC.

Any Other Business

Chair Ringguth called for nominations to the USSU Women's Centre Committee. Councilors Torrie, Stewart and Hewson were nominated. Councilor Urmson and Councilor Stang were also nominated, but refused.

Councilor Torrie and Councilor Hewson were appointed as members of the USSU Women's Centre Committee.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC56: Leuschen/Merryweather

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda
Thursday, October 18th, 2001

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1 USC Minutes: October 11th, 2001**
- 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.15 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.16 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.17 Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: October 16th, 2001**

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

New Business

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

16. Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, October 18th, 2001

PRESENT

Jenn Barber, VP Student Issues
Jack Wallace, VP Academic
Virginia Isley, Arts & Science
Blair Taylor, Arts & Science
Michelle MacDonald, Commerce
Lyle Popovic, Education
Samara Worth, Education
Geoff Stewart, Engineering
Erin Stang, Law
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Jennifer Leuschen, Nursing
Natalie Ferrara, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Dan Hewson, Physical Therapy
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More College
Kirsten Derdall, St. Thomas More
Jessica Paterson, Veterinary Medicine
Connor McManus, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Ringguth, Chair
Steven Swan, ISC
Jessica Riess, Arts & Science
Kelly-Anne Riess, Arts & Science
Robin Mowat, Sheaf Editor
Tasha Elliott, Help Centre Director

REGRETS

Janelle Hutchinson, President
Scott Henderson, VP Operations
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry
Andrew Merryweather, Kinesiology

ABSENT

April Zerr, Agriculture
Maureen Torrie, Engineering

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION USC57: Taylor/Brost Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Taylor announced that the ASSU is having a pub crawl this Friday. Tickets are \$8 and it starts at the Sutherland Hotel at 6:30 p.m. The ASSU AGM is on Monday at 3 p.m. in Arts 100. He invited VP Wallace to attend as a discussion on University Council is on the agenda.

Councilor Worth thanked the USSU for setting up the booth in Education. October Fest is on October 25th. It starts at 9 a.m. and runs until 1 a.m. It's a costume party and tickets are \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members.

She also distributed the Education Students Society social calendar.

Councilor MacDonald announced that the Commerce Students Society is holding a Commerce Cabaret on October 27th at the Sutherland Bar. Slab Drab will be playing and students from the U of R Management will be in attendance as well. It's a private function, so you will need a ticket to get in. Tickets are \$5 advance and \$10 at the door.

Council Address

There is no Council Address.

Minutes and Reports for Action

USC Minutes

Move to strike Connor McMannus from the absent list and add to the present list and move to strike Tasha Elliott, Drew Hitchcock, and Robin Mowat from the absent list and added to the also present list. Move on page 7, the USC MOTION46 should read "to be implemented by May 1st, 2002, not on May 1st, 2002.

MOTION USC58: Wallace/Barber Carried.

Move to adopt the amended USC minutes for October 11th, 2001.

MOTION USC59: Taylor/Leschen Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

Executive Minutes

VP Wallace reviewed the Executive minutes for Tuesday, October 16th, 2001.

Move to adopt the Executive minutes for October 16th, 2001.

MOTION USC60: Wallace/Barber Carried.

Questions and Comments

Councilor Urmson announced that the College of Medicine will not be taking a position on University Council.

Councilor Taylor commented on the Sheaf's article regarding Council. He noted that the article stated that Councilors receive \$10 per meeting and he wondered if that was still, in fact, happening this year.

Councilor Stang asked for an update on the status of the Volunteer Centre and Safewalk. VP Wallace responded that the Director is having difficulties in getting the background checks done by Campus Security for the Safewalk volunteers.

VP Wallace responded to Councilor Urmson's comments on University Council. He agreed that the time slot is not flexible and that he is working on having that changed for future years.

Councilor Taylor asked for feedback on the article that appeared in the Sheaf regarding CASA principles. VP Barber clarified that these are the principles that CASA is working towards, not necessary where they are at currently.

Councilor Stewart mentioned that in the minutes for October 4th VP Wallace noted that he would have his conference proposal for CART available and asked if he brought them to Council. He confirmed that he did bring the proposal to last weeks' Council meeting.

Councilor Patterson asked about the Health and Dental plan blackout period. VP Wallace responded that by the end of this month the lists should be complete. He also directed further questions to the Studentcare.net/works office in Lower Place Riel.

VP Barber responded to Councilor Taylor's comments at the October 4th Council meeting. Although she admitted she may have ruffled a few feathers, she was advocating for students on mandatory computing fees.

Councilor Stang suggested that the Executive team with the Sexual Assault Awareness Committee to push the background checks through or allocate money from the Volunteer Centre budget towards the criminal background checks. She also mentioned that she has many students comment on the state of the Student Health Centre. She suggested that USC and the Executive ensure that these services are kept running adequately. VP Barber responded that she thought that the City Police offer the background checks free of charge to volunteers. VP Wallace added that the student enhancement fee, that USC voted to cut back on, is used to fund Student Health. Unfortunately, Student Affairs and Services does not have any additional funding to put towards the Student Health Centre.

Councilor Taylor asked for feedback from VP Barber on her Campus Sustainability Conference. He also noted that the ASSU is in favour of the USSU not being a member of BOCP. In addition, he requested feedback on the options available to students regarding groups such as CASA. He also asked what efforts were put into advertising the

townhall meeting last week. VP Barber responded that the conference was great and that she will be providing a report to Council very soon. She also noted that in order to get out of CASA, the USSU would have to hold a referendum and an additional referendum would have to be held to become a member in an alternate national lobby group. Regarding advertising for the town hall meeting, she clarified that every student was sent an e-mail, a banner was put up on the clothesline and posters were also put up in every BuzzBoard. VP Wallace also responded to the question regarding the USSU's position on BOCP. He suggested that Councilor Taylor have the ASSU President visit the Executive to voice her concerns.

Councilor Ferrara spoke to the issue of the USSU's position on BOCP.....inaudible.

Councilor Taylor invited VP Barber to set the record straight regarding a rumor that was circulating around. He also responded to VP Wallace's comments regarding BOCP. He noted that approximately half of his Executive agrees with the position and that it may or may not include the President. He also noted that students are coming to him concerned with the availability of the Executive. VP Barber clarified that there was some confusion regarding the USSU's involvement with the Naomi Klein lecture. She mentioned that she spoke at the seminar and clarified that the USSU did sponsor the event. VP Wallace noted that the Executive does have an open door policy, however, booking an appointment is the best way to meet with an Executive member.

VP Barber invited Councilors to share their ideas about getting the word out to their students. Councilor Taylor suggested that many students don't see the Executive in action on campus. VP Wallace noted that although the USSU advertises a lot, students become immune to particular ways of communicating.

Councilor Ferrara noted that it is the MSC's job to go back to their Council and communicate what the USSU is doing. VP Wallace thanked Councilor Ferrara for her comments. He also noted that the USSU has \$100 available to all Colleges for events that they want to put on. If the MSC's need posters or banners, the Print Shop will be able to assist them.

Councilor Taylor commended the USSU for the new "Talk Back" section in the Sheaf, and is looking forward to VP Barber starting the "Open Mike" in Lower Place Riel.

Councilor Leuschen suggested that the Executive visit the places that the Colleges hang out, such as the Student Lounges, etc. VP Wallace agreed with the idea, however, he noted that they prefer to be set up with internet access when they are away from the office.

Any Other Business

No other business.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC61: Stang/Leuschen

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, October 25th, 2001

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1 USC Minutes: October 18th, 2001**
- 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: October 23rd, 2001**
- 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.18 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.19 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.20 Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: October 23rd, 2001**

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

New Business

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

17. Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, October 25th, 2001

PRESENT

Janelle Hutchinson, President
Scott Henderson, VP Operations
Jenn Barber, VP Student Issues
April Zerr, Agriculture
Virginia Isley, Arts & Science
Blair Taylor, Arts & Science
Michelle MacDonald, Commerce
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Lyle Popovic, Education
Maureen Torrie, Engineering
Andrew Merryweather, Kinesiology
Erin Stang, Law
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Jennifer Leuschen, Nursing
Natalie Ferrara, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More College
Kirsten Derdall, St. Thomas More
Jessica Paterson, Veterinary Medicine
Glenn Riddals, Vocational Agriculture
Connor McManus, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Ringguth, Chair
Robin Mowat, Sheaf Editor

REGRETS

Jack Wallace, VP Academic
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry
Samara Worth, Education
Geoff Stewart, Engineering
Dan Hewson, Physical Therapy

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda is adopted as circulated.

Introductions and Announcements

VP Henderson asked that all Councilors pick up one or more of the posters announcing the USSU Annual General Meeting. He also circulated the latest pamphlet produced by the USSU advertising the marketing opportunities on campus through the USSU. He also noted that if anyone is interested, he has coupons to give away from Browsers.

Councilor Stang announced that next Wednesday, Halloween, there is going to be a Med-Law Pub-Crawl. Tickets are \$4 and are on sale in the foyer by the Law Library.

Councilor Brost announced that next Friday the STMSU is holding its' annual Road Trip to Lloydminster. Tickets are \$30 and they are available in the STM cafeteria tomorrow, Monday and Tuesday. Space is limited.

Councilor Zerr announced that next Friday is Ag Bag Drag. Tickets are available at the Info Kiosk or in the Ag Student Lounge. Tickets are \$24 per couple.

President Hutchinson spoke about a meeting the Executive had today with the new Minister of Post Secondary Education Skills and Training, Pat Lorje. The Executive has decided to wait until they visit the Minister in Regina to present the tuition petition. They will also present some of their proposed solutions at that time.

Councilor Popovic announced that Edtoberfest is tomorrow night. Tickets are \$10 at the door. It's being held at 311 Fairlight Drive, the Union Centre. Come dressed up.

Councilor Taylor announced that the ASSU is holding a survey/petition regarding the mandatory computer fees for the College of Arts and Science. November 13th through 16th tables will be set up in the tunnel, Biology and Physics, respectively.

Councilor MacDonald announced that this Saturday is the Commerce Cabaret at the Sutherland Bar. Tickets are available in advance at the College or at the door.

Councilor Torrie announced that the Pie Throw will start next week. There will be a news conference on Tuesday, October 30th. The Pie Throw will run from Wednesday to Friday. If you would like to send a pie to someone, please call 966-7700. Engineering will also be holding a Halloween Pub in their Lounge at 4:30 p.m. next Wednesday.

Council Address

No Council address.

Minutes and Reports for Action

USC Minutes

Move to strike Councilor Torrie's name from the absent list and add it to the present list.

MOTION USC62: Torrie/Brost Carried.

Move to adopt the minutes as amended.

MOTION USC63: Schneider/Taylor Carried.

Operations and Finance Board Minutes

VP Henderson reviewed the minutes for October 23rd.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC64: MacDonald/Stang Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

Executive Minutes

President Hutchinson reviewed the minutes for October 23rd.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC65: Torrie/Taylor Carried.

Motions Arising from the Minutes

No motions arising from the minutes.

Business

No business.

New Business

No new business.

Questions and Comments

Councilor Taylor spoke in response to a letter written in the Sheaf. The article accused a member of the ASSU of cheating on exams. He suggested that one of three things be done; the Sheaf inform this writer that they should contact the Dean immediately for academic dishonesty, the Sheaf can report this case to the Dean, or the Sheaf should retract this letter if unsubstantiated. He also mentioned his concern with the title of the letter.

Chair Ringguth noted that the Sheaf operates at arms length from the USSU, therefore USC is not the appropriate forum to address concerns such as this.

President Hutchinson spoke to the comments. She shared that it was her understanding that if Councilors had concerns to share with their co-Councilors, that this would be the appropriate time.

President Hutchinson mentioned that she was absent last week as she was at the CASA Conference. She noticed that there were a few questions that came up regarding CASA, therefore, she will be doing a Council Address next week to respond.

President Hutchinson reiterated that the USSU Annual General Meeting is on Thursday, November 22nd at 4 p.m. She asked for Councilors to make an effort to be there and that the Council meeting for that evening may be cancelled. November 29th will likely be the last Council meeting before the Christmas break.

Councilor Torrie asked if there were any plans for a presentation to Council from the U of S regarding the master plan that has just come out.

VP Henderson reminded Councilors to ensure their councils have insurance for their upcoming events. He also apologized for the short notice regarding the e-mail he sent about the University Master Plan. He was only able to send it out when he returned to work after being sick for a couple of days.

Councilor Stang responded to remarks from VP Henderson regarding insurance for events. She noted that the College of Law's next event is a pub-crawl and that they have included a short waiver on the back of each ticket that will be brought to everyone's attention.

Councilor Schneider shared that she also attended the University Master Plan Open House. She noted that the University is soliciting on-going feedback. She also commented on the fact that there are many committees that are working on overlapping objectives and that communication to university staff regarding this issue also seems to be lacking. President Hutchinson agreed that there was much overlap with various University Committees. She is hopeful that a recent meeting with VP Wallace, herself and University Senior Administration will address some of those concerns. Councilor Isley also noted her displeasure with the University committees.

Councilor MacDonald voiced her approval of canceling the Council meeting on November 22nd so that all Councilors could attend the USSU AGM. She also asked for an update on the Blue Monday and Welcome Week report that was supposed to come to Council. She also commented on the concerns brought up by various Councilors regarding the quality of Food Services on campus and asked what the Executive has done about that issue. Lastly, she asked that a report be brought to Council regarding the success/outcomes of the capital expenditures approved through last years' Council.

VP Henderson responded to the question of the report regarding Blue Monday. Financial statements for the month ending September, and the Welcome Week activities will be reported on at a meeting next week. He ensured that the information would come to Council as soon as possible. With regards to the propane heating lamps that were purchased for the deck at Louis', he also ensured that he would seek additional information to bring to Council.

Councilor Leuschen shared her concerns with a recent Pub-Crawl put on by the College of Nursing. The Odeon would not allow them in as they had double booked the bar, so she recommended to Councilors to avoid booking the Odeon for such events. Councilor Taylor also expressed his concerns with a recent pub-crawl, in that a driver hired by the Sutherland hotel was intoxicated.

VP Barber addressed the issue of the poor food services on campus. She noted that she hasn't received many complaints personally, so she invited comments.

Councilor Ferrara spoke to the issue of food services. In the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, students are required to do rotations in every food service area on campus. Every year recommendations are made and they are handed over to the appropriate managers.....inaudible.

Any Other Business

No other business.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC66: Taylor/Merryweather Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, November 1st, 2001

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

- 5.1** "CASA - Policies, Procedures and Plenum" - Janelle Hutchinson

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1** **USC Minutes:** October 25th, 2001
- 6.2** **Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.3** **Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report:** October 30th, 2001
- 6.4** **Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.21** **Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.22** **Elections Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.23** **Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1** Executive Committee Minutes: October 30th, 2001

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

New Business

- 10.1** "Move to approve the CASA Bylaws: #1, #2, #3 and #4, as amended at the CASA General Meeting 10/30/2001"

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

18. Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, November 1st, 2001

PRESENT

Janelle Hutchinson, President
Jack Wallace, VP Academic
Scott Henderson, VP Operations
Jenn Barber, VP Student Issues
Blair Taylor, Arts & Science
Michelle MacDonald, Commerce
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry
Lyle Popovic, Education
Samara Worth, Education
Geoff Stewart, Engineering
Maureen Torrie, Engineering
Andrew Merryweather, Kinesiology
Erin Stang, Law
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Jennifer Leuschen, Nursing
Dan Hewson, Physical Therapy
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More College
Kirsten Derdall, St. Thomas More
Connor McManus, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Ringguth, Chair
Robin Mowat, Sheaf Editor
Bradley Cooper, Pharmacy
Kelly-Anne Riess, Arts & Science
Jessica Riess, Arts & Science

REGRETS

April Zerr, Agriculture
Virginia Isley, Arts & Science
Natalie Ferrara, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Jessica Paterson, Veterinary Medicine

ABSENT

Glenn Riddals, Vocational Agriculture

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Move to add the Academic Affairs Board minutes for October 19th.

MOTION USC67: Wallace/Hutchinson Carried.

Move to add the Student Issues Board minutes for October 29th.

MOTION USC68: Barber/Hutchinson Carried.

Move to add 7.2, "Verbal Report - Building Project Update".

MOTION USC69: Hutchinson/Stang Carried.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

MOTION USC70: Stang/MacDonald Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

President Hutchinson announced that the Fit Centre has asked for a representative to sit on a Committee responsible to recommendations for updating the Centre. Anyone interested can speak with President Hutchinson. She also requested that all tuition petitions be turned into her by November 15th.

President Hutchinson reminded Council that the November 22nd meeting will be cancelled unless there are any serious concerns. There is a fair amount of time between meetings as the next one following that date is not until the 29th. If something of an urgent nature should arise, an emergency meeting will be called. She also gave an overview of what is to come over the next couple of weeks; the CASA motion will be voted on next week, Shawn Blackman, the Academic Affairs Officer, will be coming to give a brief presentation, and the Executive Conference and Accountability reports will be distributed as well, on November 15th, Kristen Foster from Studentcare.net/works will be visiting Council to give a short presentation, November 22nd the meeting is cancelled and on November 29th the mid-year budget will be presented.

President Hutchinson introduced Bradley Cooper, who is the co-councilor for Pharmacy. Councilor Ferrara was unable to make this evening, so Mr. Cooper is representing their College.

Jodi Stevens andfrom the College of Commerce visited Council. They are taking an entrepreneurship class and are required to undertake market research to ensure that their product will not fail. They asked Council members to fill out a very short, one-page survey and to take 10 surveys back to their Colleges and drop them off at the USSU office.

VP Henderson announced that he has completed the contact sheet for Council members. Please ensure this information is accurate and an updated sheet will be circulated next week. Members of Council will be able to pick up copies of the mid-year budget on November 26th for review at the Council meeting on November 29th.

Councilor Taylor announced that the ASSU is having a movie night on November 15th at the Place Riel Theatre.

Councilor Schneider announced that Commerce is having a pre-Drag primer at the Sutherland Hotel from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tickets are \$15 a couple. Starting Tuesday, November 6th tickets for the hockey trip, January 4th to 6th, are available. Tickets are \$100 for members and \$120 for non-members.

Councilor Urmson announced that next will be his next meeting. The student replacing him will be present at next weeks' meeting.

Councilor Derald announced the STM Arm Wrestling Tournament next Friday. It starts at 6 p.m. and tickets are \$3 for spectators and \$5 for participants.

VP Wallace announced that nominations for the Teaching Excellence Awards will be open from the 9th to the 16th. Please let your students know that announcements will be up next week.

Councilor Stewart announced that the Geological Agriculture BioResource and Civil Engineering are having a pubcrawl next Friday. The Student Society is also having another chess competition.

Councilor Schneider welcomed comments and announcements from other colleges for the Commerce newsletter. It goes out to all commerce students every Monday morning.

Council Address

"CASA - Policies, Procedures and Plenum" - Janelle Hutchinson

Move to go into committee of the whole.

MOTION USC71: Hutchinson/Wallace

Carried.

President Hutchinson gave an overview of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. There has been some talk of changing the organization's name as there has been some confusion with the federal political party.

CASA began in 1994 when there was a recognized need for students to come together as a unified voice. The founding schools decided that the organization would be member driven, policies would be developed strictly to address post secondary education issues and that bylaws would be clearly defined. They also decided that the Student Associations would be the members, not the individual students, therefore there is no

referendum to get into or get out of the organization. It will be up to Council whether or not a referendum is required.

There are currently twenty-three member schools, ranging from large universities to small technical schools.

There are generally three conferences a year; one in June, one in October and one in March. The June meeting is always the Annual General Meeting and new members get a chance to meet everyone. The one in October is generally the lobby conference. It's a week full of meetings with ministers to discuss post secondary education issues. This year there was not a lobby conference in October because of the events of September 11th. CASA felt that the media and political attention would not be available. A meeting was held in October anyway to have an internal review, which is what is normally held in March. The plan is to have the lobby conference in March.

She discussed staffing issues with the organization. Three new staff members have been hired a researcher, a government relations person and a communications person. A receptionist has also been hired to handle phone calls as the National Director was having a hard time keeping up with the volume of inquiries. Further structural changes were discussed at the October meeting, in particular the length of the term for the National Director.

President Hutchinson's accountability reports for both conferences will be in the Executive documents coming to Council next week.

Anyone with policy ideas can make suggestions. The most recent policies developed address post secondary transfer payments to the provincial governments. The problem lies in responsibility for post secondary education. The federal government says the provinces are responsible for disbursing the money and the provincial governments say they only get so much from the federal government, which has to be used for health care, roads, etc. Other policies developed include addressing student loan interest rates and the cost of research funding on campuses.

President Hutchinson reviewed both documents; the CASA Recent Policy and the CASA Constitution and Bylaws. She suggested Councilors take a week to look over the document.

The Awareness week has been postponed until January. Some of the ideas for "Education Builds a Nation" include having student putting their thumbprint on a banner. All of the banners will be taken to Ottawa in March. Various social and awareness activities are being looked into. She asked for suggestions and input from Councilors.

She clarified that the President is usually the representative for the university as it falls in his/her portfolio. Some Student Unions have a VP External that is also involved.

Councilor Stang asked how we, as a member of CASA, are effected by the University of Regina being a member of CFS. President Hutchinson explained that she has spoken

with the U of R President and they mentioned that they are considering getting out of CFS. With CFS, the member schools do have to have a referendum to get out of the organization. The U of R and the U of S lobby together on a provincial level. Councilor Stang also asked for clarification on the policies being political in nature and that it seems that the organization is afraid to offend politicians. President Hutchinson explained that CFS is extreme, for example, they are asking for zero tuition, whereas CASA is more realistic in their expectations. Councilor Stang also suggested that CASA seems to be spending a lot of money on promoting itself to students that are already members, and maybe it should be spending that money on lobbying efforts. President Hutchinson noted that she is not aware of CASA's communications budget, however she did agree with Councilor Stang's comments.

Move to extend the Council Address indefinitely.

MOTION USC72: Wallace/Stewart Carried.

Councilor Stewartinaudible. President Hutchinson noted that she has an entire document outlining the recent changes in the CASA Bylaws.

Minutes and Reports for Action

USC Minutes

Move to adopt the USC minutes for October 25th, 2001.

MOTION USC73: MacDonald/Stewart Carried.

Academic Affairs Board

VP Wallace reviewed the minutes for October 19th.

MOTION USC74: Henderson/Torrie Carried.

Operations & Finance Board

VP Henderson reviewed the minutes for October 30th.

MOTION USC75: Torrie/Wallace Carried.

Student Issues Board

VP Barber reviewed the minutes for October 29th.

MOTION USC76: Merryweather/Brost Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

Executive Committee Minutes

President Hutchinson reviewed the minutes for October 30th. VP Wallace spoke briefly regarding the Conference Report he submitted as an addendum to the minutes.

MOTION USC77: Torrie/Brost Carried.

Move to recess.

MOTION USC78: Wallace/Henderson DEFEATED.

Verbal Report - Building Project Update

President Hutchinson gave an update on the building project. President MacKinnon and Vice-President Finance, Tony Whitworth, met yesterday regarding the funding proposal we had given them. She has yet to hear back from either.

The original plan was to include Louis' and Browsers in the new building. Obviously Browsers has a new home and due to cost cutting measures, Louis' will not be in the new Place Riel building. Renovations have to be done to Louis'. The consultants are looking into the options for Louis' staying in the MUB and their recommendations will come to Council in January.

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

No motions arising from the minutes.

Business

No business.

New Business

CASA Motion - Move to approve the CASA Bylaws: #1, #2, 33, and #4 as amended at the CASA General Meeting 10/3-/01.

Move to table the motion.

MOTION USC78: Hutchinson/Stewart

Carried.

Questions and Comments

Councilor Stang voiced her concerns over the handling of the increase in club insurance fees this year. VP Henderson explained that the upcoming change was brought forward at the Board of College Summer Conference. He also noted that he spoke with the Social Directors from Law regarding the change in coverage.

He also asked that any other concerns be brought forward.

Councilor Schneider asked why there was such poor attendance at the Student Issues meeting on Monday, October 29th. VP Barber noted that she had some serious problems with scheduling. She also noted that the list serve for the board isn't working properly. She explained that she listed those not there as regrets and is hopeful that next weeks' meeting will see a more positive turnout.

Councilor Taylor spoke in favour of the new candy machine in Lower Place Riel and the new "free box" at the Help Centre. He asked for an update on other Executive projects; in particular VP Henderson's on-line voting and VP Wallace's advertising the Academic Affairs Office. President Hutchinson ensured that a formal document will be coming to Council that gives an update on various projects. VP Wallace spoke to the comments. He explained that new brochures have been designed for the front office and that a similar pamphlet will be going out to the professors. Posters will also be going up across campus and information will be printed on the back page of the Sheaf.

Councilor McManus noted that VPRA had a meeting last week with the LGB Centre. She is hopeful that it will put a stop to the misinformation that is being circulated about their residence proposal.

VP Henderson spoke to Councilor Taylor's comments. A request for proposal has been sent out to various university departments to get contract done on the software.

Councilor Taylor asked if the information regarding Blue Monday and Welcome Week was expected anytime soon. VP Henderson noted that he would e-mail the information to Councilor Taylor. He also noted the he is expecting the Louis' reports for Welcome Week in about two weeks.

Councilor MacDonald noted that the CSS is inviting the LGB Centre to their society meeting next week.

Councilor Taylor noted that the ASSU has brought in Ryan Whyley, the LGB Centre Director, to speak at their college. He recommended that each college do the same as he was very informative and cleared up many misconceptions.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC79: Schneider/Brost

Carried

Any Other Business

Representatives from the College of Engineering came with pies for each Council member. It was noted that VP Henderson bought 38 pies for Council.

Adjourn

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, November 8th, 2001

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

- 5.1** Academic Advocacy Office - Shawn Blackman & Greg Florizone

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1** USC Minutes: November 1st, 2001
- 6.2** Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report
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Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

- 9.1** "Move to approve the CASA Bylaws: #1, #2, #3 and #4, as amended at the CASA General Meeting 10/30/2001"

New Business

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

19. Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, November 8th, 2001

PRESENT

Janelle Hutchinson, President
Jack Wallace, VP Academic
Scott Henderson, VP Operations
Jenn Barber, VP Student Issues
Virginia Isley, Arts & Science
Blair Taylor, Arts & Science
April Zerr, Agriculture
Michelle MacDonald, Commerce
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry
Lyle Popovic, Education
Samara Worth, Education
Geoff Stewart, Engineering
Andrew Merryweather, Kinesiology
Erin Stang, Law
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Natalie Ferrara, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Dan Hewson, Physical Therapy
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More College
Kirsten Derdall, St. Thomas More
Jessica Paterson, Veterinary Medicine
Glenn Riddals, Vocational Agriculture
Connor McManus, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Ringguth, Chair
Robin Mowat, Sheaf Editor
Prasanna Ranganathan
Greg Florizone, Academic Affairs
Officer
Shawn Blackman, Academic Affairs
Officer

REGRETS

Jennifer Leuschen, Nursing
Maureen Torrie, Engineering

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda as circulated.

MOTION USC80: Wallace/Henderson Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

VP Henderson reminded Council that tomorrow, Friday, November 9th at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline to submit constitutional amendments. He also noted that Thursday, November 15th is the free Pancake Breakfast for all students from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. at Louis. The Executive will be present to answer any questions about the proposed amendments.

VP Wallace announced that a package has been put together for each MSC regarding the Teaching Excellence Awards. He asked that everyone pick one up before they leave.

Councilor Taylor announced that the ASSU is having a Movie Night in the Place Riel Theatre next Thursday. Tickets are \$2 for each movie. The movies will run from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Councilor MacDonald announced that the Commerce Students' Society has sold out their annual Hockey Trip in a record 50 minutes. There is a waiting list of about 50 people. Next Thursday from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. there will be a Beer Night at the Sutherland Hotel.

5. Council Address

Move to sit as Committee as a whole.

MOTION USC81: Wallace/Ferrara Carried.

VP Wallace introduced Shawn Blackman and Greg Florizone, the two Academic Affairs Officers that run the Academic Advocacy Office.

Mr. Florizone explained that the office was mainly developed out of a need for assistance for students with academic issues. The presence of the Academic Affairs Office allows the VP Academic to play a more proactive role with regard to academics. One of the officers is normally available during regular office hours and are also available outside of those hours if necessary.

Move to sit informally.

MOTION USC82: Wallace/Ferrara Carried.

Mr. Blackman noted that they are currently working on an awareness campaign for the office. Posters will be up across campus and brochures will be distributed to all departments.

Mr. Blackman explained the various categories for academic grievances. They are attempting to make the student body more aware of their responsibilities and the processes involved in filing a grievance. The main goal of the office is to ensure that all students are treated fairly.

The officers are aware of individual college policies and are accessible to all undergraduate students.

Councilor Taylor asked how many students visit the office. Mr. Florizone noted that last year there were approximately 108 grievances and there have been 100 already this year.

Councilor Schneider asked if they dealt with most grievances or if they were usually passed on to the individual colleges. Mr. Blackman answered that while they play an active role in the process and support the students, they like to see the colleges attempt to solve the problems.

Councilor Taylor asked if there had been any major obstacles. Mr. Blackman noted that they are only able to go to the point of University Council Bylaws.

Councilor MacDonald asked how the grievances are prioritized. Mr. Blackman mentioned that the forms are filed as soon as possible and the colleges have fourteen days to respond.

Councilor Schneider asked if the numbers had been broken down by College. VP Wallace noted that there are different types of complaints that come out of each college. Some of the smaller colleges, because of their faculty, make up an inappropriate percentage of the grievances. There are statistics from last year. If anyone is interested, they should speak with VP Wallace.

Mr. Blackman invited Councilors to stop at the Academic Advocacy Office if they have any questions.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes - November 1st, 2001

Move to accept the minutes as circulated.

MOTION USC83: Schneider/Brost Carried.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board

VP Henderson reviewed the minutes for November 6th.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC84: MacDonald/Merryweather Carried.

7. Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Minutes

President Hutchinson reviewed the minutes for November 6th.

MOTION USC85: Barber/Brost

Carried.

7.2 Executive Summer Progress Reports

President Hutchinson brought Council's attention to the document entitled "Directions." This report is the first in a set of three, the next to be distributed in January, and the last in March.

President Hutchinson ensured that the Executive met a minimum of once a week through the summer. The bulk of her time is spent attending meetings, overseeing the Executive affairs, and liaising with student associations and the provincial and federal government. She is also the Chair of the Student Leadership Development Committee, which organizes the Advantage Conference, and is fairly involved in CASA.

She also summarized her projects for the year. The CASA Awareness Campaign is underway. They had a display set up for one day in October and she is looking for suggestions as to where the second display should occur. She is also assisting CASA in developing policies addressing concerns regarding student loans. She also shared some ideas for potential CASA events occurring over the next couple of months.

President Hutchinson gave an update on the Place Riel Expansion Project. She briefly explained the history of the project. Approximately a year and a half ago a sponsorship campaign opened up to raise funds. The entire cost of the expansion and to renovate the existing building was to be about \$30 million. Unfortunately funds raised came in short. Some of the cost cutting measures include relocating Browsers to Upper MUB and options are currently being looked at for Louis'. The building consultants will be giving a presentation to Council on January 9th.

President Hutchinson also gave an overview of her conference reports. Councilor Stang asked why the Executive decided to fly to Edmonton. President Hutchinson explained that due to time restrictions in the month of August, flying was their only option. Expenses did not exceed the cost of the previous year's trip. Councilor Schneider voiced her concern regarding the entire trip. VP Henderson explained that had the Executive drove to Edmonton, expenses would have increased due to per diems and accommodations. Councilor Urmson noted that Edmonton is only 5 hours away, and that because it is a short trip, it shouldn't have an effect on the amount of per diems paid. President Hutchinson explained that there were no per diems paid out and because they were able to fly there and back in one day, it saved the cost of two days' per diems and two nights accommodations.

Councilor Brost asked the Executive to explain the cost of \$2500 for hotel accommodations at the CCSA conference. VP Wallace explained that the Executive felt this conference was extremely expensive and that other student unions across Canada felt the same way.

Move to have the Executive review their portions of the document first, and questions be addressed thereafter.

MOTION USC86: Barber/Stewart Carried.

VP Barber reviewed her summer accountabilities. A good portion of her time was spent reviewing previous years' correspondence and having introductory meetings with various people on campus. She also frequently attended City Council regarding the Varsity View Parking Program.

Her primary project for the year is the transportation plan. It includes researching the viability of a combination of universal bus passes, the designated parking program, access to secured bike racks and a park and ride program.

She also spoke about the CCSA Conference. She felt the conference was a waste of their time and money. She has recommended that future Executive attempt to find other conferences to attend in place of the CCSA. She suggests that the USSU not send any Executive members to that conference for that cost.

VP Wallace spoke regarding his portion of the document. He noted that much of his time is spent overseeing the Academic Advocacy Office and dealing with the merger of Student Affairs and Services and the Registrar's Office. Course evaluations and University Council are also time consuming.

He also gave his opinion on various conferences he has attended this year. He felt that although the CCSA conference gave him valuable contacts, the sessions were, for the most part, invaluable and irrelevant. He made a point of speaking to some of his counterparts regarding the CART Conference to ensure their future sessions are relevant.

VP Henderson gave an overview of his accountability report. Most of his time is spent responding to student inquiries regarding insurance and sponsorship. Over the summer he also worked closely with Student Affairs and Services and Security to improve the Server Intervention Program. He is also working to ensure that the USC minutes are available on line and that off-campus students have access to our services. On-line voting continues to be a major project for him as well as policy updates for the organization.

He also gave his opinion of the CCSA conference. Like most other major conferences, MoneyCon was merged to become a part of CCSA. He also saw some problems with the way the conference was organized. A Board of Directors for MoneyCon was developed and he is now a part of that Board. He noted that

he has had the opportunity to attend three of the MoneyCon conferences and that he has learned something new every time. His recommendation for the next VP Operations & Finance to attend the conference.

Councilor Taylor wanted an update on the status of on-line voting. VP Henderson explained that because of the Privacy of Information Act on campus, the USSU is not able to access the information. He has sent out a request for proposal to various groups on campus that have access to the data feed and that can write the software. He is expecting to have their responses by next week.

Councilor Ferrara suggested that all conferences, regardless of size, should be researched and that some information should be communicated through e-mail to save costs. VP Wallace explained that the Executive visited Edmonton to not only to take a look at their lounge, but to investigate their way of governing and the alternate ways they offer their student services.

Councilor Stewart asked if the Executive would consider hosting the CCSA Conference in the future to ensure that it was valuable for all those attending. President Hutchinson explained that because there were 700 delegates, this conference required much work. It would require facilities that could accommodate this many people. The idea of this conference was to amalgamate the costs and to recruit better speakers. They will likely plan to host the same type of conference over the next couple of years. York is hosting the conference next year and she is hopeful that it will be somewhat improved. VP Wallace added that an advisory board for the conference has been established and he is a member.

Councilor Taylor asked why the Academic Advocacy Office awareness campaign wasn't started earlier in the year. VP Wallace noted that it was started in June and it has been gradually increasing since then.

Councilor Stang noted that the Academic Advocacy Office was highlighted during Orientation. Councilor Taylor apologized to VP Wallace for not realized how much advertising had been done for the office.

Councilor Taylor shared his feeling regarding the front cover of the document, noting that it looks broken. He also asked VP Barber about a referendum to be held for the transit plan. VP Barber ensured that she would have to have USC's approval to hold a referendum.

Councilor MacDonald was wondering what the intention was of this report. President Hutchinson explained that it is the Executive accountability to USC. Copies have been distributed to the Sheaf, the SALs, and each of the Centres.

7.3 Women's Centre Ad Hoc Committee

VP Henderson reviewed the minutes for November 5th.

8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

No motions.

9. Business

9.1 CASA Motion

President Hutchinson spoke to the motion. She asked that Councilors keep in mind that these Bylaws are for USC approval or disapproval. Changes are not made at this time.

She referenced the old Bylaws to the amended copy and spoke to each bylaw individually.

Councilor Taylor asked what the implications would be if the bylaws are not passed. President Hutchinson explained that all member schools vote on the proposed changes and if the majority of schools vote against the changes, the Board of Directors will meet in March to discuss the issues.

Councilor MacDonald expressed her concern over voting on an operation that none of the MSCs have seen or understand.

Move to consider informally.

MOTION USC88: Urmson/McManus

Carried.

President Hutchinson spoke to Councilor MacDonald's question. Her recommendation is to pass the Bylaws, as she was involved in the formation of them, she is confident that they will work. Most of the changes are structural. Another option is that if Council does not feel it appropriate to vote on the Bylaws, President Hutchinson can relay that message to the CASA office and they may be able to provide further information.

Move to approve the CASA Bylaws: #1, #2, #3 and #4, as amended at the CASA General Meeting 10/30/01.

MOTION USC87: Hutchinson/Merryweather

Carried.

Councilor Schneider, Councilor Ferrara, and Councilor Taylor wish to note their abstentions.

10. New Business

No new business.

11. Questions and Comments

Councilor Stewart shared that the College of Engineering raised over \$8000 in three days through the Pie Throw. He thanked everyone that participated. He also announced that the Engineering Christmas Formal banquet and dance will be held on Friday, November 23rd.

Councilor Urmson announced that Vishal Avanashi will replace him as MSC for the College of Medicine.

Councilor Taylor requested additional posters from the USSU for distribution in each of the Arts & Sciences buildings. Regarding the Arts & Science survey on mandatory computer fees, they were just informed today that the University will be including mandatory fees in tuition. He asked if the USSU was aware of this situation.

VP Barber responded by saying that she was not aware of the mandatory fees. She ensured Councilor Taylor that she has been against the implementation of mandatory computer fees for the College of Arts & Science and that she, on several occasions, has shared her thoughts with Senior Administration.

Councilor Stang announced that Shawn Blackman is performing tonight at Lydia's at 9 p.m. As well, Tuesday, November 13th he will be at the Wash N' Slosh.

Councilor Schneider expressed her opinion regarding mandatory computing fees. She thinks that it would be great to see all University of Saskatchewan graduates possess excellent computer skills. She mentioned that she was happy with the way the Council Address was recorded in last weeks' minutes. She also asked when Councilor Stang commented that the Academic Affairs Office was brought to the attention of students attending Orientation, which years those students were enrolled in. As well, she asked the Councilors who are members of the Women's Centre Ad Hoc committee to comment on progress to date. She also shared that professors from the College of Commerce are questioning why students seem more stressed out this year. She seems to think that tuition has a big factor as more students are working full-time jobs as well as attending classes. She also added that Upper Place Riel would be a good location for the CASA display.

VP Henderson responded to her questions about Orientation and the Women's Centre Ad Hoc Committee. He noted that the information was distributed to students attending Experience Us and smaller college visits. VP Wallace noted that the issue of students feeling more stressed out this year was discussed at CART. A couple of the things that came up were the impact of tuition increases, difficulties with student loans and the increase in student grievances.

Councilor Brost responded to Councilor Schneider's comments that a mandatory computer fee will ensure a skilled group of graduates. He noted that he does not see how this could be ensured and that he personally does not have any classes where this would be relevant. VP Barber agreed with his comments and noted that it's the level of use of the computers on campus and the issue that many students have alternative access.

Councilor Deraldall congratulated the Women's Centre on attempting to reach out to men on campus.

Councilor Taylor asked how much the mandatory computing fee would be. He noted some of the benefits to having a mandatory fee, some of which include all students having access and student listserves to communicate important information. He also noted that volunteers from the ASSU will be setting up tables to inform students of what the benefits are of having a computer account.

Councilor Patterson spoke regarding the Health and Dental Plan. She noted that the more she talks to students about the plan, the more students are telling her they didn't receive the information and that the frustration level is mounting. She has had people e-mailing asking her why their cards are not working. President Hutchinson reminded Council that Kristen Foster from studentcare.net/works will be giving a Council address next week.

She also explained that there was a blackout period when pharmacies were not able to access information with your card. The period had ended and students should now be able to use their cards and receive reimbursements. If students have inquiries, they can visit the health and dental office in Lower Place Riel.

Councilor Sharma commended Councilor Urmson on his time with USC. He also asked for clarification on membership fees for CASA. President Hutchinson clarified that the exact number will show up in the financial statements. The various levels correspond to the individual commitments from the schools. She mentioned that it was approximately \$1.35 per student.

Councilor Stang mentioned that student in the College of Law are unaware of any mandatory computing fees. She also reiterated that a mandatory fee does not equate having computer skills, a mandatory Computing 100 class would have to be implemented.

Councilor Urmson noted that he feels that mandatory fees for anything are a bad idea. Tuition is high enough and additional fees are only going to make it worse for students to afford their education.

Councilor Stewart mentioned that the College of Engineering has had a mandatory computing fee for the last five years. The cost is \$180 per year, and although it seems like a lot, it gives students access to the web, notes on-line and expensive software.

Councilor Schneider noted that by having a mandatory computing fee, it doesn't necessarily mean that all students will have better computer skills, but they will be paying for it, so it's likely that they will use the service. Commerce has a mandatory fee and the college offers an optional computing class. Comparing the services offered in Commerce to what is offered in Arts, there is no comparison. She feels a mandatory fee will increase the resources.

Councilor Taylor noted that the mandatory fees will be hidden in tuition. He would like to find out exactly how much students will be paying for this.

Councilor MacDonald commented that when computing fees became part of tuition, all it meant was that instead of writing two cheques, you only wrote one and that it does show as a separate dollar amount on your statement.

Councilor Urmson responded to VP Barber's comments on mandatory fees. He noted that students in his college were against the mandatory health and dental fees and that he is personally against mandatory transportation fees and computing fees.

12. Any Other Business

No other business.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC88: Brost/Schneider

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, November 15th, 2001

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

- 5.1 Health and Dental Plan Update - Kristin Foster

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1 **USC Minutes:** November 8th, 2001
- 6.2 **Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report:** November 2nd & November 9th, 2001
- 6.3 **Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report:** November 13th, 2001
- 6.4 **Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.27 **Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.28 **Elections Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.29 **Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: November 13th, 2001
- 8.3 CASA Weekly Update

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

New Business

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

20. Any Other Business

Adjournment

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Andrew Merryweather, Kinesiology
Erin Stang, Law
Jennifer Leuschen, Nursing
Maureen Torrie, Engineering
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine
Natalie Ferrara, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Dan Hewson, Physical Therapy
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More College
Kirsten Derald, St. Thomas More
Jessica Paterson, Veterinary Medicine
Glenn Riddals, Vocational Agriculture

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Ringguth, Chair
Robin Mowat, Sheaf Editor
Tasha Elliott, Help Centre Director

REGRETS

Lyle Popovic, Education
Samara Worth, Education
Connor McManus, VPRA

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION USC89: Taylor/Leuschen Carried.

Move to add Item 6.4, Student Issues Board minutes for November 7th, 2001.

MOTION USC90: Barber/Leuschen Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

President Hutchinson reminded Council that the AGM will take place next Thursday at 4 p.m. in Place Riel Theatre. She distributed copies of the proposed amendments.

VP Henderson distributed information regarding Welcome Week and Blue Monday. VP Barber announced that she has three free tickets for the Dez Reed comedy night at Louis'.

Councilor MacDonald invited Council to the Sutherland. Commerce is having a fundraiser for the Western Business Games.

Councilor Riddals announced that the College of Vocational Agriculture and the College of Agriculture are having a mixer on Friday night. Tickets are on sale at the Voc Ag lounge.

Councilor Stewart announced that the College of Engineering sent seven students to attend the Western Engineering Student Society Team Conference. The SESS now has several members on the Executive for the Conference.

Councilor Schneider announced that Law beat Commerce at the Campus Rec soccer games. She also encouraged everyone to nominate deserving professors for teaching excellence awards.

Councilor Torrie announced that next Friday, November 23rd is the Annual Engineering Christmas Formal and Awards Banquet. Tickets will be on sale next week and they are \$10 for supper and the dance.

Councilor Avanashi announced that he is taking over from Councilor Urmson as the MSC for Medicine.

Council Address

Move to sit informally.

MOTION USC91: Wallace/Merryweather

Carried.

Kristin Foster and Aaron Stewart - Health & Dental Plan Update

Ms. Foster updated Council on the opt out period and numbers for the health and dental plan. She distributed a copy of the information for Councilors to take back to their Colleges.

She noted that the Registration Guide, the USSU Survival Guide and the Sheaf all included information on the Health and Dental Plan. An information package also went out to all students, however because Canada Post has a 5 - 10% error rate, some students did not receive that package.

She mentioned that if your College has a general e-mail, please let her know if you would like some information to send out to the students. Also, if your College has an Orientation for the second term, a representative can be present to host a session informing students of the plan.

Students can visit the on-campus office or the website to check if their particular prescription is covered by the plan. Claim forms are available at the office or they can be downloaded off the website.

The change of coverage period, the time when students can opt out or enroll their family members in the plan, was officially over on September 19th, however some changes did occur after that time. Currently, she is attempting to get the true number of students that opted out of the plan. The numbers she has now, are just rough as they are finding it difficult to get a pinpointed enrollment number from the Registrar's Office. To date, it appears about 34% of students opted out of the plan. She wanted to make Council aware that these numbers may not be exactly the same after they finalize the data.

Mr. Stewart noted that students wishing to opt out during the last four days of the opt out period may have been hesitant to do so after seeing the line up at the office. He explained how the things worked in their office during the opt out period. Currently, their office is answering questions with regard to making claims and the pay direct cards.

Ms. Foster explained that the first year is the only time when every student wishing to opt out will have to provide proof of other coverage. In future years, those students will only have to sign off, acknowledging that they do not need the coverage. Students will also become more familiar with the on-line opt out.

Councilor Taylor asked what will happen with the awareness campaign for next year. Ms. Foster ensured that the same will be done next year, with an increase in posterage across campus. He also asked why all students are not able to use their pay direct cards yet. Ms. Foster explained that the black out period exists for the data to be entered on the students that opted out of the plan. If students are having difficulty using their pay direct cards, please refer them to the studentcare.net/works office in Lower Place Riel.

Councilor Brost asked for clarification on the change of coverage statistics. Ms. Foster explained that the pie chart only includes students, not their family members who may have chose to enroll.

Councilor Derdall asked what the procedure would be for students enrolling in term two. Ms. Foster explained that students who are new to the U of S in January have the option to enroll in the plan. The deadline to enroll in January is on the website.

Minutes and Reports for Action

USC Minutes from November 8th, 2001

MOTION USC92: Henderson/Wallace Carried.

Move to strike Councilor Taylor name from the abstention list under Item 9, Motion Number 87.

MOTION USC93: Taylor/Leuschen Carried.

Academic Affairs Board

VP Wallace reviewed the minutes for November 2nd and November 9th, 2001.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC94: Leuschen/Brost Carried.

Operations and Finance Board

VP Henderson reviewed the minutes for November 13th, 2001.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC95: Stang/Barber Carried.

Student Issues Board

VP Barber reviewed the minutes for November 7th, 2001. She noted that quorum was not present.

Move to add VP Wallace's name to the present list.

MOTION USC96: Barber/Leuschen Carried.

Move to accept the minutes as amended.

MOTION USC97: Wallace/Torrie Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

Executive Committee Minutes

President Hutchinson reviewed the minutes for November 13th, 2001.

MOTION USC98: Wallace/Torrie Carried.

CASA Weekly Update

President Hutchinson noted she receives a weekly fax from the CASA office. She gave Council a brief update and will be doing so until the end of the academic year.

The last update sent outlined what the Government Relations Coordinator and the Regional Director have been doing. The Industry Committee held a meeting regarding the effectiveness of the current federal research council. Their primary concern was the cost of research and how these costs get in the way of the learning environment. A letter is being sent from CASA to all members of the committee explaining CASA's support of this issue.

Loan remission issues are also being addressed. The government defends the bankruptcy and insolvency act stating that students will not be able to claim bankruptcy on student loans for 10 years. CASA is working on a policy regarding these issues.

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

No motions arising from the minutes.

Business

No business.

New Business

No new business.

Questions and Comments

VP Henderson apologized for not bringing the Pie Throw pictures. He reminded Council that the mid-year budget document will be available for pick up on Monday, November 26th, 2001. Please go through the document in great detail and be ready to discuss for Thursday, November 29th, 2001.

Councilor Stang noted that she saw the posters advertising the AGM and she was concerned with some of the content. Environmental sustainability and social responsibility were promoted and she felt that the message was that the USSU didn't care about those issues. She shared that while she feels these topics may not be our number one priority, on some level the USSU does care about these things, and that any concerns brought to her will be presented to Council. She asked that all Councilors come to the AGM on Thursday.

Councilor Isley spoke about the Club Night at Louis'. Very few representatives from the College showed up, and she was wondering why Colleges don't support Louis'.

President Hutchinson reminded Council that there will not be a Council meeting next week as the AGM will be held at 4 p.m. Following the AGM a Christmas social will be held at Louis'. She also spoke to the new MacLean's ranking for the U of S. The University moved from 15th to 11th spot and that while she was happy to see the improvement, she doesn't feel it has a very large impact on students attending the U of S.

Councilor MacDonald responded to the comment about Louis'. She mentioned that there were some time constraints with her College. While she thinks Louis' should continue to

promote their relationship with the College Societies, however, she also pointed out that this will take some time to develop. VP Henderson added that the discussion was not only for Louis', but for Browsers as well. It was to explain a fundraising initiative for the Colleges, activities for Frost Week, Welcome Week 2, were also discussed.

Councilor Stewart noted that some groups do not include alcohol at any of their events. He also mentioned that some groups, such as SESS, already have a contract with another bar in Saskatoon.

Councilor Taylor noted that he received a draft copy of the proposed Constitutional amendments and noted that he preferred it to the later version. He asked for clarification on the legalities that were brought forward. He also asked if students would be able to get a copy of the current Constitution to refer to the Articles being amended. President Hutchinson explained that the proposed amendments had to be communicated and recorded in the same way they were submitted. Copies of the Constitution will be distributed at the AGM, and they are also available on line.

Councilor Leuschen responded to Councilor Isley's comments regarding Louis'. She noted that Nursing has a contract with another bar and they also were not aware that the meeting was about Browsers as well. VP Henderson responded by noting that there were six representatives from Nursing to discuss the event and it does not violate any of the contracts with any bar, simply because those contracts are illegal because they stipulate free alcohol and free services, both of which are against liquor and gaming laws.

VP Barber addressed a question brought up at a previous meeting regarding computer fees. She spoke with Senior Administrated about computer fees that have not been instituted yet, and nothing has been written in stone yet, however it does look like they would like to see a mandatory fee structure implemented.

Councilor Schneider shared that she did have a few questions and comments about the Executive Edmonton trip. She noted that all students who brought the issue up with her, were surprised to see how much was spent on the trip. She feels that the information that was brought back could have easily been communicated through e-mail. One of the suggestions was that the USSU Executive consider paying for the trip out of their own pockets. She would also like to see the conference report as soon as possible so she has some information to take back to concerned students. VP Henderson ensured that the Executive is currently in the process of creating the report for Council. He also noted that he would send it out via e-mail so it would be available before the Christmas break.

He told Council that he takes offense to the "road trip" comment and added that being on the Executive for the past three years, he still feels that it is very valuable to meet with other student leaders. He also asked that student with concern be directed to speak with the Executive so they get the whole story.

VP Barber asked that the students who recommended the Executive pay for the trip out of their own pockets, figure out a way to get the Executive's time back.

Councilor Isley spoke to the issue of bar sponsorship. She was wondering why Louis' does not have a bus to provide the Colleges with transportation for pub-crawls. VP Henderson explained that some of the contracts that College Societies have with bars promote free products and that those bars could be fined. Louis' license is held by the Board of Governors, and if they offered some of the same promotions, they could be shut down by the University. Pub-crawls have an increased liability, therefore Louis' insurance fees would increase and in turn so would the insurance fees for the College Societies.

Councilor Zerr drew Council's attention to the front page of the Sheaf . She noted the Campus Chat portion was a little racy, and that it was placed directly underneath the MacLean's ranking article.

Councilor Taylor sympathized with Council Schneider as the ASSU has had some difficulties with the Sheaf this year as well. He asked why the Sheaf takes it upon themselves to judge people. He asked if there was anything USC can do about the problems with the Sheaf.

Councilor Schneider explained that because everything is so expensive now, when the USSU spends \$1200 on something, students want to know why. She noted that the \$1200 could have been put towards something else. VP Wallace responded by explaining that the USSU offers many services to students and that when the Executive does something, it's always misconstrued as negative. He noted that it is perfectly fine to question how the USSU spends the students money, but he would like to see some of the negatives attitudes toward the USSU changed.

Councilor Stewart asked if some of the proposed constitutional amendments could be omnibus into one vote. He also spoke to the issue of attendance at board meetings. He suggested that some Councilors could stop by the meetings when they can to help make quorum. Chair Ringguth responded that he is chairing the AGM and that he would agree to voting on some of the amendments as one motion.

VP Henderson spoke to the issues regarding the Sheaf. The Editors are not always going to listen to everyone. There is a collective, which is a compilation of all the writers that do work for the Sheaf, and he mentioned that they would likely be open to having some MSC's come to talk to them.

There are also elected student members of the Sheaf Board of Directors, so Councilors can get in touch with them through the Chairperson. He also noted that with regard to the Edmonton trip, last year's elected MSC's approved the allocation of the budget.

Councilor MacDonald spoke to the negativity towards the USSU. She feels that the work of the USSU should be appreciated, that the struggles that they have are valid; however, she does not feel the frustration should not be directed to the Councilors. She feels that the reaction of the Executive was uncalled for and unprofessional. She also thanked VP Henderson for getting the Welcome Week report out to Council. She pointed out that the Commerce and Engineering events brought a large numbers of students, with the

Commerce event alone, bringing three times the amount that attended Blue Monday. She suggested that the date of the event be changed. She asked for some clarification on the expenses. VP Henderson explained that the gross is the amount of revenue brought in by ticket sales. The total fixed expenses is the cost of the show, therefore the total loss on the show was \$7564.

Councilor Sharma asked what the agenda was for the meeting with Premier Calvert. President Hutchinson responded by noting that the Premier had initiated the meeting. The Executive was going to brief the Premier on the issues that will be brought up in the future with the Minister.

Councilor Schneider spoke to VP Wallace's comments. She pointed out that everyone on Council works hard and part of their job is to bring student concerns back to USC. She also noted that MSC's are obligated to make the USSU Executive accountable to students. VP Wallace responded by noting he never said the concerns were not valid, however, he does take offense to the comment that he was on a rant. He mentioned that the MSC's are here to spread the word about the USSU to the Colleges and to help the USSU provide services and that Council is supposed to work as a team, not against each other. He feels that Council is losing its focus due to the negativity surrounding some of the issues brought forward. He suggested that Council work to a more positive environment and to think about that before comments are made.

Councilor Taylor commended VP Wallace for his suggestion to put overheads up in the classrooms. He noted that there is much negativity out there and he suggested that a committee be set up to address this issue. Councilor Stewart added that he feels that USC is responsible for promoting the USSU and what it does. He also noted the Operations and Finance Board approves Executive expenditures and that meetings are held once a week if any students would like to visit or have questions.

Councilor Stang commented that a lot of students are ignorant to what the USSU does and how it helps students. She pointed out that it's important for all Councilors to attend the AGM and to get out there and inform people as to what they can do.

Any Other Business

No other business.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC99: Taylor/Merryweather Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, November 29th, 2001

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1 USC Minutes: November 15th, 2001
- 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report: November 16th, 2001
- 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: November 20th & November 27th, 2001
- 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report: November 26th, 2001
- 6.30 Appointments Board Minutes and Report: November 19th, 2001
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Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: November 27th, 2001
- 7.2 CASA Update
- 7.3 Women's Centre Ad Hoc Committee: November 19th & November 26th, 2001

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

- 8.1 The Operations and Finance Board recommends to University Students' Council that request for the capital expenditures of up to \$55,355.43 be approved as listed in the budget review document.
- 8.2 Women's Centre Committee Final Recommendation

Business

New Business

- 10.1 "Move to approve the updated Elections & Referenda Policy."

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

21. Any Other Business

- 12.1 Next Meeting: January 10th, 2002 - Happy Holidays!

Adjournment

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, November 29th, 2001

PRESENT

Janelle Hutchinson, President
Jack Wallace, VP Academic
Scott Henderson, VP Operations
Jenn Barber, VP Student Issues
Michelle MacDonald, Commerce
Lyle Popovic, Education
Samara Worth, Education
Geoff Stewart, Engineering
Joseph Swan, ISC
Andrew Merryweather, Kinesiology
Erin Stang, Law
Jennifer Leuschen, Nursing
Maureen Torrie, Engineering
Natalie Ferrara, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Dan Hewson, Physical Therapy
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More College
Kirsten Derdall, St. Thomas More
Jessica Paterson, Veterinary Medicine
Connor McManus, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Ringguth, Chair

REGRETS

Virginia Isley, Arts & Science
Blair Taylor, Arts & Science
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine

ABSENT

April Zerr, Agriculture
Glenn Riddals, Vocational Agriculture

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

MOTION USC100: Henderson/Brost

Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

President Hutchinson introduced the new MSC for ISC, Joseph Swan. She also introduced the USSU General Manager, Leslee Harden.

VP Barber announced that she is selling tickets for the CFCR benefit show that will be held on Saturday, December 1st. Wide Mouth Mason is playing and tickets are \$10, with all proceeds going to the radio station.

Councilor Popovic announced that Education is having a Big Band Bash tomorrow night. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the Education Lounge. The ESS is also fundraising for Unicef, so if you see them wondering around, please donate.

VP Henderson reminded Council that Frost Week, the second Orientation, will be held the first week of January. Forms for the Tug-o-War and the Shinney Tournament are due at the USSU office by December 5th.

Councilor Torrie announced that Engineering is having their food drive, "Fill the Tank for the Food Bank." They are also going caroling on Saturday, anybody is welcome to join. Wednesday, December 5th the SESS is having a last day of classes pub in their lounge at 4 p.m.

Councilor MacDonald announced that Commerce is having a last day of classes pub on Wednesday in the Reading Room from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

VP Wallace introduced Paul Olchynski, a concerned student.

Councilor Leuschen announced that Nursing is having a pub crawl this Saturday to raise funds for some of the students to attend a conference in Victoria. If you are interested in coming, please see Jenn after Council. Tickets are \$6. Nursing in conjunction with Kinesiology, is hosting Reindeers Revenge on December 5th at the Exhibition Grounds.

Councilor Stewart announced that tomorrow night, the University Concert Band is performing in Quance Theatre at 7:30 p.m. He also mentioned that the Physics Students Society is having a pub crawl tomorrow night.

Councilor Brost announced that Friday, January 4th the STMSU will be holding their annual Back to School Cabaret. Stone Mason and Mother Culture will be performing. Tickets are \$7.

VP Wallace announced that all Councilors are invited to Louis' after Council this evening.

Councilor Stang announced that next Wednesday, at 11:30 a.m. the annual memorial for the Montreal Massacre is at STM chapel.

Council Address

No council address.

Minutes and Reports for Action

USC Minutes

Move to adopt the USC minutes for November 15th, 2001.

MOTION USC101: Barber/Wallace Carried.

Academic Affairs Board

VP Wallace reviewed the minutes for November 16th.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC102: Wallace/Brost Carried.

Operations and Finance Board

VP Henderson reviewed the minutes for November 20th.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC103: Wallace/Brost Carried.

VP Henderson reviewed the minutes for November 27th.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC104: Henderson/Brost Carried.

Move to sit as quasi committee for the budget review, going through the notes for capital requests thoroughly.

MOTION USC105: Stewart/Leuschen Carried.

VP Henderson reviewed the capital requests, which included recommendations for hardware and software upgrades, the consignment software for Browsers, a big screen television, photocopiers, and a computer for the Print Shop. He explained each request in detail.

The recommendation from the University's Information Technology Services department. Currently the USSU has a part-time technician to make sure that our systems are secure and that the computers are being backed up sufficiently. The Operations and Finance

Board recommends Scenario 1, which would allow the USSU to expand its database operations.

Councilor Torrie asked how long it would take for the USSU to implement the proposed changes to its computer system. VP Henderson responded by explaining that by doing the changes at this time in the USSU's budget cycle, it allows us to implement the changes during the slow time between terms.

Councilor Stewart pointed out that the Operations and Finance Board approved a capital request from the USSU Administration to upgrade computer hard drive space and that money has not yet been spent.

Councilor Derald ...??? VP Henderson explained that the prices of the computer software is worked out by the Information Technology Services department, who usually do most of their purchasing through the Campus Computer Store. Councilor Derald asked if the USSU is bound to purchasing through the Computer Store. VP Henderson pointed out the fact that the quotes are based on "educational" pricing.

He explained the need for a new consignment software system for Browsers. The old software crashed and is unfortunately, un-repairable. Support for the current system is also insufficient. Two options have been provided by the Information Technology Services department. VP Henderson recommends purchasing a tried and true system and to modify it for the store's needs.

VP Henderson reviewed the request for the big screen projection television for Lower Place Riel. Two quotes are included in the request.

The photocopy capital request was reviewed. The request is to purchase two new photocopiers to be located in the Natural Sciences Library in the Geology Building and the other in the Education Student Lounge. Data is collected from service technicians and staff for tracking purposes. The location is determined on these numbers, line up time, the optional equipment in the area and the service level in that area.

Councilor Derald asked if it was necessary to have the RDF unit added to the machine in the Natural Sciences Library. VP Henderson explained that the busiest photocopier in the current fleet is outside the Biology Students Lounge. A second machine and additional service will be useful to the students.

The last request is for an iMac computer for the Print Shop Site Manager. The included quote outlines current savings straight from Apple.

VP Henderson noted that the Operations and Finance Board has recommended to purchase all of the \$55,000 of requests.

Councilor Leuschen asked for explanation as to why there was a \$20,000 difference in the budgeted and actual numbers for the Print Shop. VP Henderson clarified that the

differences are accounted for in the Print Shop monthly financial statements. Some notable items include the coursepack, which significant revenues are lost to because the University is not allowing the USSU to go ahead with the project. There is also a variance for copy card sales as many students are adding value to the cards themselves as opposed to buying new cards at the Print Shop.

Councilor Ferrara asked why the statements don't show the actual losses against the budgeted losses. VP Henderson noted that the members of the Operations and Finance Board went through the statements line by line. He also mentioned that further differences for the Print Shop can be attributed to a change over in Site Managers. He also noted that these statements are to month ending October, which is only six months of the USSU's budget year, and that only two months out of that were when students are here.

Councilor Leuschen asked about the Jeux Fund. VP Henderson explained that it was set up to benefit the President of the USSU upon the end of their term. Last year it was in the amount of \$63.

Student Issues Board

VP Wallace reviewed the minutes for November 26th.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC106: Wallace/Brost

Carried.

Councilor Stewart asked if it was only the College of Arts & Science that was implementing a new computer fee. VP Barber clarified that the computer fee is mandatory for Arts & Science in January, however it will likely be mandatory for all students next September.

Councilor Brost asked if anyone knew why this new computer fee was being implemented in January, not next September. VP Wallace explained that because the College felt it was necessary to increase the services, the fee will be implemented sooner than expected.

Councilor Stang asked if the College of Law could expect a mandatory fee as well. VP Barber said she believes that the University Administration is planning to roll the fee into everyone's tuition next year.

Councilor Torrie asked that if all students are expected to pay this mandatory fee if access will be divided more equally. VP Barber explained that it likely will depend on the software required for certain colleges. She assured that she would bring further information to the next Council meeting.

Council Brost asked if anything is being done to make Arts & Science students aware of this new fee. VP Barber mentioned that the ASSU may be planning on putting out some

information. She noted that she would be willing to assist in the campaign. It was suggested that information be published in the Sheaf.

Councilor Derald asked when the decision was made that the fee would be implemented in January. President Hutchinson, noted the Fees Authority Committee, claims to know nothing about the fee; however, they are meeting next week.

Councilor Patterson asked what services would be provided to colleges who already? VP Barber believes that the theory of the fee structure is to equalize the fees across campus, so some students will pay more and some will pay less according to usage.

Appointments Board Minutes

President Hutchinson reviewed the minutes for November 19th.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC107: Barber/Torrie Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

Executive Board Minutes

VP Barber reviewed the Executive Board minutes for November 27th.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC108: Barber/Hutchinson Carried.

Councilor MacDonald asked what the value of the Place Riel Theatre technical support. VP Henderson noted that it would be around \$200 for a campus club.

CASA Weekly Update

President Hutchinson gave a brief update on CASA's projects. The Government Relations Coordinator met with government officials regarding post secondary education to discuss research costs, copyright laws, etc. He also met with staff fromoffice to talk about the national student loan program.

The national budget will be released on Monday, December 10th. The Standing Committee on Finance has made several recommendations regarding research costs and the federal debt reduction.

Today was CASA Day and President Hutchinson was in Upper Place Riel to speak with students and to address their concerns.

Edulinks, the National Student Loans service provider, met with CASA representatives to discuss a number of student loans issues including on-line initiatives, additional services for students as well as financial counselling.

Women's Centre Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

VP Henderson reviewed the minutes for November 19th and November 26th.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC109: Henderson/Barber Carried.

Councilor Hewson noted that over the last couple meetings of the Women's Centre Ad Hoc Committee, it became very apparent that there is going to be a very definite transition period for the Centre. He suggested that the USSU and USC have checks in place to ensure that the Centre is on the right path.

Councilor MacDonald asked who the new Director was. VP Henderson responded that Maria Alexopoulos is the Director. He noted that she worked very closely with VP Henderson and VP Barber to make these changes happen as smoothly as possible.

Councilor Ferrara asked if a review being done in 2003 would be leaving it too late. She suggested putting an ad in the Sheaf on a weekly basis advertising the Centre. VP Henderson noted that in the set of the minutes prior to November 19th, some of the promotional opportunities for the Centre were discussed. He mentioned that it is difficult to suggest various forms of advertising, such as placing ads in the Sheaf, when the Centre's budget has been set for a specific length of time. Councilor Ferrara asked.....??

Councilor Swan asked for the mandate of the Women's Centre. VP Henderson explained that the Centre is there to act as a resource to all students on campus.

Motions Arising from the Minutes

The Operations and Finance Board recommends to University Students' Council that request for the capital expenditures of up to \$55,355.43 be approved as listed in the budget review document.

Move to accept the recommendation.

MOTION USC110: Stewart/Committee

Carried.

Councilor Derald asked if the money for software was for the modified option. VP Henderson noted that the recommendation was for Option 1.

Women's Centre Committee Final Recommendations

Move to accept the Women's Centre Committee final recommendations.

MOTION USC111: Brost/Henderson

Carried.

Councilor Stewart asked if the Committee would continue to exist through the implementation of these recommendations. VP Henderson explained that the Committee was struck to make recommendations and that it's not the Committee's responsibility to see the Centre through the implementation.

Councilor Hewson added that the Committee did discuss various methods of promotion and such and that after these recommendations are passed, there will always be constant interaction between the Centre and the Executive. VP Henderson commented that the Women's Centre is now included in a weekly Centre meeting with the Facilities and Support Services Manager and the Centre Directors as also a part of the Administration Team which meets once a month to share information. Councilor Torrie noted that some

of the things the Centre will be doing for publicity won't be seen until Orientation and other events to be held in the future, so she suggested that presentations be made to the Colleges to promote the Centre.

Business

No business.

New Business

"Move to approve the updated Elections and Referenda Policy."

President Hutchinson explained the updates to the policy. She noted that the new policy is more clear and concise. The duties of the CRO and the ACRO are also more clearly defined.

Move to approve the updated Elections and Referenda Policy.

MOTION USC112: Hutchinson/Leuschen

This motion will be voted on under Business at the next regular meeting of Council.

Questions and Comments

Councilor Stang noted that when she picks up the minutes and agenda items for Council, not everything is always there. She also wished everyone good luck on their exams. She clarified her position on mandatory computer fees. While the College of Law is small, she is still responsible to make sure their voices heard.

VP Wallace mentioned that the College of Law was never discussed in the mandatory computer fees issue. VP Barber added that not a lot has been discussed on this issue.

VP Wallace thanked VP Henderson and General Manager Harden for their hard work in preparing the mid-year budget.

President Hutchinson apologized for not having the Elections and Referenda Policy ready for pick up with the rest of the materials for this weeks' meeting. It is now available at the front office.

VP Henderson mentioned that additional invoices have been received for the Browsers project that put the project over budget. He also reported that the USSU will be investigating the issue and that legal council has been sought. He is currently attempting to determine why the project is over budget.

He also informed that a cost over run will be going to the Operations & Finance Board, followed by Council, which will have to be approved before the next Council meeting. He suggested two dates; Thursday, December 13th or Thursday, January 3rd. He ensured that more information would come to Council members as soon as it's available.

Councilor Torrie requested that Councilor Brost.....

Councilor Derdall asked about some of the goals and strategies from the Strategic Planning document, specifically the charitable status. She asked how this would effect

the organization and its revenue generating operations. General Manager Harden responded that the charity status registration is with the federal government and they set out the format for the registration. It would likely require the USSU to set up a foundation where all of the donations that came in would receive a tax receipt and those donations would have to be used for specific purposes.

Councilor Leuschen congratulated Chair Ringguth for a job well done at the AGM last week and the MSC's who attended. Councilor Stang suggested for future meetings to allow debate on motions without someone calling the question before students get a chance to voice their opinions. VP Henderson noted that it does require a majority vote to call the question. Councilor Patterson suggested that in the Chair's preamble he could explain the outcome of calling the question before its debated. VP Wallace noted that although there was a time constraint, alternate arrangements had been made if the meeting went over time.

Councilor Worth asked if the USSU business could be addressed first as close to have of the voters left the meeting before all of the amendments were debated. VP Barber noted that that issue will be taken into account for future meetings. Councilor Stewart noted that the turn out was good, and unfortunately some students had time constraints.

Councilor Leuschen congratulated the SESS for almost passing a motion for the Executive to respect Robbie Burns Day.

Any Other Business

President Hutchinson noted that the next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, January 10th. Saunders Evans Architects will be making a presentation that night with regards to the renovations to the MUB. Unfortunately, because it is six weeks away, she is not aware of what their recommendations may be, so it will be coming as a motion to be voted on at the next meeting. The material will be available for review on January 3rd.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC113: Brost/Hewson

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

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Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

- 5.1 Doug Berg - Student Leadership Research**
- 5.2 Rob Fyke - Campus Club Cards**

Minutes and Reports for Action

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- 6.35 Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: December 4th & December 17th, 2001, January 8th, 2002**
- 7.2 CASA Update**

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

- 9.1 "Move to approve the updated Elections & Referenda Policy."**

New Business

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

22. Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, January 10th, 2002

PRESENT

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April Zerr, Agriculture
Virginia Isley, Arts & Science
Blair Taylor, Arts & Science
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry
Lyle Popovic, Education
Samara Worth, Education
Maureen Torrie, Engineering
Joseph Swan, ISC
Andrew Merryweather, Kinesiology
Erin Stang, Law
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine
Natalie Ferrara, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Dan Hewson, Physical Therapy
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More College
Kirsten Derdall, St. Thomas More
Connor McManus, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Ringguth, Chair

REGRETS

Geoff Stewart, Engineering
Michelle MacDonald, Commerce
Jennifer Leuschen, Nursing
Jessica Paterson, Veterinary Medicine

ABSENT

Glenn Riddals, Vocational Agriculture

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Move to add 5.3, Council Address by Kurt Tischler and 8.1, Operations and Finance Board motion 14.

MOTION USC114: Henderson/Hewson Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

VP Henderson introduced Rob Fyke, USSU Site Manager for Louis and Kurt Tischler, the Director of the International Student Office.

VP Henderson announced that January 21st is the Peter Mansbridge lecture. All Councilors are invited to attend and the cost will be covered by the USSU. He noted that the ticket price on the early tickets was printed incorrectly as \$12, so anybody who purchased a ticket at that price can take it to the Information Centre and get reimbursed \$5.

President Hutchinson introduced Doug Berg, a PhD student who will be speaking to Council tonight. She also gave an update on the hiring of the Associate VP Student Affairs and Services. She reported that she sits on the hiring committee and reminded Councilors that the three candidates will be speaking from 12:30 to 1:30 on Friday, January 8th, Friday, January 25th and Tuesday, January 29th in the Place Riel Theatre. They will also be speaking to students from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on those same days. She will send out an e-mail as a reminder. If you are going to attend, please RSVP by e-mail.

VP Barber announced that there will be an Open Mike in Lower Place on Wednesday, January 16th from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Councilor Stang announced that on January 18th and 19th is Legal Follies. The performances will be held at Persephone Theatre. Tickets are on sale now over the lunch hour in the Foyer near the Law Library. They are \$129 and \$15 at the door.

Councilor Zerr apologized for her absence at the budget meeting held in November. She announced that there will be a Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the College of Agriculture. Proceeds will go to Telemiracle. It will be held on January 16th in the Atrium of the Ag Building. Students from Agriculture will also be pushing a bed from Saskatoon to Regina to raise money for Telemiracle as well. Anyone who wishes to participate or make a pledge can visit the Ag Lounge. She also noted that a Movie Night will be held in Place Riel Theatre next week.

Councilor Popovic announced that Education has a graduate pub crawl tomorrow. Visit the Education Lounge to purchase a ticket for \$13.

Councilor Schneider announced that the College of Commerce sent 10 students to business competitions. Five students went to the Manitoba International Marketing Competition and the other five went to the International Collegiate Business Competition. This Friday is the Ukrainian Alternative. Doors will open at 8:30 p.m. at the Centennial. Tickets are \$15 for non-members and \$10 for members.

Council Address

Doug Berg - Student Leadership Research
Move to sit as committee of the whole.

MOTION USC115: Hutchinson/Barber

Carried.

Mr. Berg thanked Council for the opportunity to speak. He explained that he is a PhD student working on researching leadership development for colleges and universities in Canada. He is soliciting involvement from students to assist with some of the research.

He distributed a pamphlet and briefly reviewed it. The title of the study is "Prospective Leadership Development in Colleges and Universities in Canada - Perspective of Students, Leaders and Educators." He is talking to students, leaders in business and government, and educators to design these programs and put them into effect.

The feedback he gets from each of these groups will be put together and a framework will be built, on which leadership programs can be designed. Because there is a generation transition occurring in post secondary education at this time, everyone has a different idea of what leadership means. The study looks at past, present and future leadership experiences.

Mr. Berg is looking for students to participate in an interactive discussion on leadership. After the discussions, he will also be pulling people from all three groups together for focus groups.

He passed around a list for Councilors to leave their contact information if they are interested in participating. If you have any questions, his e-mail is Doug.Berg@usask.ca. His office is located in the Education Building, Room 3066 and his phone number is 966-7613. Comments are welcome!

Rob Fyke - Campus Club Cards

Mr. Fyke reported that he would like to bring a proposal to the Council's attention. This information was originally brought to Council in October. He distributed the proposal to Council.

He explained that the campus club card is a fundraising card for your groups; college societies or campus clubs. The cards are valid in both Louis' and Browsers. The days to use the cards will be up to the individual groups, being either Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

The card has 8 boxes on it, which are designated for 8 individual visits to either Louis' or Browsers. Any time you purchase something, you will get a stamp. When you hand in the card, it will be worth \$8 per member for your club.

Groups will be required to hand in a current membership list to the USSU by January 17th. Those names will be put into a database and cards will then be produced and distributed to the clubs. If you have the membership lists in an electronic file, please e-mail it to either Mr. Fyke or VP Henderson.

The cards will be valid from the beginning of February to March 26th, 2002. All cards must be handed in by April 2nd to receive the reimbursement.

VP Henderson added that if you are in a college that doesn't sell memberships, like Arts or STM, you can just turn in your list of Executives. You could also post a list for people to sign up to receive a card. If you belong to different campus clubs, you are welcome to obtain a card for each club.

If you have any questions or comments, please see Rob Fyke at Louis' or VP Henderson.

Kurt Tischler - International Students Advisor

Mr. Tischler thanked Council for the opportunity to speak. He announced that the International Students Awareness Week will be held from February 4th to 9th, the same time as the International Development Week.

Events will include a food fair in the tunnel, cultural displays and international movies shown at the Broadway Theatre. There will also be a study abroad/exchange information session and banquet and cultural night on February 9th. He invited students to attend all of the events and extended a special invitation for Councilors to attend the Banquet and Cultural Night. The event will start at 6 p.m. at the STM Theatre and will be catered by Choices, from STM. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$25 for the public. The event is semi-formal and the guest speaker will be Michael Atkinson.

Mr. Tischler thanked Council and the Executive for their on-going support of the International Students Office. VP Henderson added that because the USSU supports positive interaction between Canadian and international students, the USSU will cover the \$10 cost of the ticket for any Councilors wishing to attend the Cultural Night. Please let him know if you would like to attend.

Minutes and Reports for Action

USC Minutes

Move to accept the minutes for November 29th, 2002.

MOTION USC116: Hutchinson/Henderson Carried.

Operations & Finance Board Minutes

VP Henderson reviewed the minutes for January 9th, 2002.

Move to accept the minutes.

MOTION USC117: Wallace/Isley Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

Executive Minutes

VP Wallace reviewed the minutes for December 4th, December 17th, 2001 and January 8th, 2002.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC118: Wallace/Hutchinson Carried.

CASA Update

President Hutchinson noted that the federal budget was released in December. It wasn't very favourable for post secondary education due to the large portion allocated for national security.

CASA is currently working on various student loan issues, including a debt reduction program for students. She noted that she is meeting with the provincial Minister of Post Secondary Education, Pat Lorje, to discuss student loans.

Another major federal announcement, is the equivalent to the Rhodes Scholarship, for Canadian graduate students. If you are interested in obtaining more information, please speak to President Hutchinson.

The CASA National Campaign will be January 14th to the 18th. The "Education Builds a Nation" theme will continue this year. A large banner will be put up for students to put their thumbprints on and in March when she visits Ottawa for the National Lobbying Conference, she will take it to Parliament Hill along with banners from other Universities.

She is looking for volunteers from each college to set up the CASA display at various high-traffic areas on campus next week. She made up a schedule and passed it around for volunteers to sign up.

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Operations and Finance Board - Motion 14

VP Henderson reviewed the supporting documentation for the motion and outlined the problems that came about, notably the ceiling, the millwork, and the electrical work. Some of the savings included the windows, fireplace and the design fee.

Councilor Taylor asked is anyone was informed along the way that the project was not going to come in at budget. VP Henderson explained that the final invoices, totaling

approximately \$80,000, were received in middle to late October. We received progressive billings throughout the summer, but at no point did the USSU believe we were over budget. There is some confusion as to who was responsible for ensuring the project remained close to budget.

Councilor Stang reported that at the Operations and Finance Board discussed this motion in detail and all of the issues were addressed. She noted that she feels that although this motion is unfortunate, it is the best way to deal with the problem.

Councilor Taylor asked what would come about if the USSU decided to reject this settlement. VP Henderson explained that the last two pages of the document are letters that were sent out with offers to settle. Within those letters states that the USSU Operations and Finance Board must approve this motion before payment is made, however there are still liens on the property.

Councilor Ferrara asked that if anyone had the opportunity to speak about how this could be prevented in the future.

VP Henderson distributed information with regard to the motion.

Move to adopt the recommendation of the Operations and Finance Board "The Operations and Finance Board recommends to University Students' Council that the over expenditures for the Browsers project in the amount of \$59,457.24 be approved."

MOTION USC119: Henderson/Barber

Business

Elections and Referendum Policy

President Hutchinson briefly reviewed the changes to the Elections and Referendum Policy. Important changes to note include the addition of on-line voting and the duties of the USSU General Manager and the USSU Researcher & Policy Coordinator. Most of the changes are small corrections to make the policy more clear.

The closing date for applications for the ACRO position will be 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16th. If you have any questions, please speak to President Hutchinson.

Move to approve the updated Elections and Referendum Policy.

MOTION USC120: Hutchinson/Brost

Carried.

New Business

No new business.

Questions and Comments

Councilor Stang responded to Councilor Ferrara's earlier question regarding preventative measures for staying on budget. She noted that the same style of building will no longer be accepted for future projects.

VP Henderson also noted that the company the USSU is looking to work with on the Louis' project, will have to guarantee that they can complete the project at the approved price. If there are over expenditures, the contractor will be responsible for it.

Councilor Taylor asked if there has been a decision against using either of these two companies again and also how we plan to ensure that the Louis' contractor does not cut corners to save themselves money. VP Henderson asked that any questions regarding the Louis' project be addressed in two weeks during the presentation to Council. He also noted that he personally felt that Telsan Constructions was a great company to work with, however he would not be in favour of working with Genesis Architects in the future.

President Hutchinson spoke about the Athletic Advisory Council. She is a member of the committee and their first meeting of the year is on Monday at 4:30 p.m. It has come to her attention that there is a position available on the committee. Meetings generally occur twice a year. If anyone is interested in sitting on the committee, please speak to President Hutchinson.

VP Barber asked the members of the Student Issues Board to forward their schedules of availability to her so she can set meeting times for the second semester.

Councilor Torrie asked for feedback with regards to the Women's Centre recommendations.

Any Other Business

No other business.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC121: Wallace/Zerr

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, January 17th, 2002

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1 USC Minutes: January 10th, 2002**
- 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.36 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.37 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.38 Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1 Term I Accountability Reports**
- 7.2 CASA Update**

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

New Business

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

23. Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, January 17th, 2002

PRESENT

Janelle Hutchinson, President
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Jenn Barber, VP Student Issues
April Zerr, Agriculture
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Michelle MacDonald, Commerce
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry
Lyle Popovic, Education
Samara Worth, Education
Geoff Stewart, Engineering
Maureen Torrie, Engineering
Joseph Swan, ISC
Andrew Merryweather, Kinesiology
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine
Jennifer Leuschen, Nursing
Natalie Ferrara, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Dan Hewson, Physical Therapy
Kirsten Derdall, St. Thomas More
Jessica Paterson, Veterinary Medicine
Connor McManus, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Ringguth, Chair
Robin Mowat, Sheaf

REGRETS

Virginia Isley, Arts & Science
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Erin Stang, Law
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More College

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda as circulated.

MOTION USC122: Leuschen/Taylor Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

VP Barber announced that Peter Mansbridge will be at the Place Riel Theatre on Monday, January 21st and Jello Biafra will be at the Theatre on Thursday, January 24th.

Councilor Torrie introduced the President of the Saskatoon Engineering Student Society, Bud Sambasiva.

She also announced that the delegation went to the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students and the U of S Engineering Students Society was voted as the most charitable organization. Engineers Without Borders started last week. If you are interested, please visit the Engineering Lounge. Lastly, this Friday is the SAE Pubcrawl.

VP Henderson announced on Tuesday, February 12th the Operations and Finance Board will be cancelled due to the Campus Club Night at Place Riel Theatre at 5:30 p.m. Topics being discussed include recommendations for funding, the upcoming budget and funding application procedures. All campus clubs and college societies are invited to attend.

VP Wallace announced that DisOrientation will be held January 28th to February 1st. All of the sessions are free and everyone is invited to attend. Please make an effort to promote the event to your fellow students.

Councilor Leuschen reported that she was absent last week because she was at the Canadian Nursing Students Association Conference in Victoria. The U of S Nursing Students won the spirit award, for the third year in a row. The Conference will be held in Saskatoon next year as the current Nursing President won the position of National Conference Director.

Councilor Zerr thanked all those who attended the Agriculture Pancake Breakfast last week. Two hundred and fifty people were served and over \$500 was raised for Telemiracle. A Movie Night is being held at Place Riel Theatre this evening. The feature show is Slapshot starting at 8 p.m.

Council Address

No council address.

Minutes and Reports for Action

USC Minutes

Move to amend the ticket prices for Legal Follies from \$129 to \$12.

MOTION USC123: Henderson/Barber Carried.

Move to amend the date of the Associate VP (Student Affairs and Services) presentation from January 8th to January 18th.

MOTION USC124: Torrie/Wallace Carried.

Move to adopt the minutes as amended.

MOTION USC125: Wallace/Torrie Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

Term I Accountability Reports

President Hutchinson announced that the report is in same format as the previous document. She provided Council with an overview of her report. Some of her major initiatives included the Health and Dental Plan implementation, involvement in the Student Leadership Development Committee along with the Advantage Conference, the CASA Awareness Campaign and the Place Riel Expansion Project. She also reviewed her conference reports.

VP Barber apologized for not having her report included in the document. She was ill the day her accountability report was supposed to be submitted. She assured that she would have to information available on Monday.

VP Wallace reviewed his report. Some of his major initiatives over the past couple of months included the overseeing and promoting the Academic Advocacy Office, involvement in the ROSS project, University Council, course evaluations and coordinating DisOrientation. He also reviewed his conference report.

VP Henderson reviewed his report. Some of his major initiatives over the past couple of months included assisting campus clubs in becoming ratified and receiving funding, the MSC Orientation, off-campus student awareness, and developing the internal policy manual. He was also involved in interviewing for various positions, financial statement reviews and computer support. He has no conference reports to submit.

Councilor Taylor asked when the updated information for Semester I be available. VP Henderson explained the process and noted that the information should be available in approximately a week and a half. Councilor Taylor suggested that the Executive visit the off-campus locations to answer questions. VP Henderson answered by explaining that at least one Executive member and one staff member will be out with the corporate display to advertise the USSU's services, such as on-line voting and academic advocacy. This is

an initiative that may have to be postponed until next year. Councilor Taylor about the process for on-line voting for the off-campus students. VP Henderson noted that the candidates running will be encouraged to provide their e-mail address for all students, both on and off-campus, to ask questions. Councilor Taylor asked that the e-mail addresses be set up so all candidates can respond fairly to inquiries. VP Henderson mentioned that he would look into this possibility.

CASA Weekly Update

President Hutchinson reported that CASA has written letters to the University of Toronto and Laurentien about doing presentations at their schools.

CASA's Policy Development Coordinator is attempting to prepare a report on CASA's policies at a glance. Last Friday the Government Relations Coordinator met with several members of the staff of the Association of University and Colleges Canada. Their priorities include funding for direct research costs and maintenance as well as exchange programs. The National Director and the Government Relations Coordinator also met with the Director General of the Canadian Student Loans Program.

President Hutchinson also noted a major cabinet shuffle took place last week.

She outlined the schedule for CASA Awareness Week, which is currently taking place. She encouraged everyone to come out and place their thumbprint on the banner. She mentioned that the display would be set up tomorrow on the second floor of the Agriculture Building.

Business

No business.

New Business

No new business.

Questions and Comments

President Hutchinson reminded that next Thursday's USC meeting is very important. The plans will be available in the USSU Front Office tomorrow. She encourages Councilors to pick up the information and be prepared to discuss the plans next week. Because Council will be voting on the plans next week, a motion should have been included on this week's agenda; however, final numbers were not available at the time of printing.

President Hutchinson announced that Councilor Taylor and Councilor Torrie have volunteered to be on the Elections Board. The first meeting will likely take place next week some time. She also noted that a CRO has been selected and the Appointments Board will be interviewing for the ACRO position next Tuesday.

A tentative Elections schedule has been set and voting will probably place on March 6th, 7th and 8th.

If any College Societies are looking for a charity to be involved with, the Executive receives many requests from Saskatoon organizations, so please see President Hutchinson if you would like further information.

Councilor Leuschen asked VP Barber to comment on the parking and transit issue as well as the mandatory computing fees situation.

VP Barber explained that the Varsity Parking Program was not supposed to be changed until the City met with herself and the other stakeholders and unfortunately, that meeting never took place.

She suspects that the City will continue to move the Varsity Parking zone back to 8th Street until they determine exactly where it would have to be so that students will cease to drive their cars. She mentioned that she is currently negotiating transit pricing with the city and a referendum for a student universal pass is being considered.

She also explained that computing fees for Arts & Science students at now \$30; however as of yet, nothing has gone to the Board of Governors for next semester. A mandatory fee for next year is likely and she noted that she will be voting against the implementation. Councilor Leuschen asked VP Barber to address the fact that some of the colleges don't have computer labs to accommodate their students sufficiently. VP Barber noted that she isn't aware of the universities plan to upgrade these services, but she ensured the Councilor that she will bring the issue to the Board.

VP Wallace reminded Council of the DisOrientation Banquet taking place on Monday, January 28th. All College Presidents received three tickets to distribute. He noted that any Councilors interested in attending are welcome to let VP Wallace know and he will include your name on the guest list.

Councilor Taylor asked VP Barber to explain why, although there were some personal obstacles, none of her information was included in the accountability document. He asked for an update on her projects. VP Barber responded that she felt it better to include everything in one document, rather than splitting it between two papers.

Move to have VP Barber report on her projects at this time.

MOTION USC126: Barber/Wallace

DEFEATED.

Councilor MacDonald spoke in regards to the Louis' renovation proposal. She noted that most Councilors would not have time to present the information to their Students' Society. President Hutchinson ensured that the information would be available tomorrow. She also mentioned that the vote does not have to occur next week. It could be postponed until the January 31st Council meeting; however, the agenda is quite full for that meeting.

VP Henderson announced that this Monday, January 21st, is the start of the Students' Union's two-month budget cycle.

VP Henderson mentioned that there are still tickets available for the Peter Mansbridge Lecture. If you are interested in attending, please pick your ticket up at the USSU Front Office by noon on Monday.

Councilor Stewart thanked the Executive for their work on the accountability reports. He mentioned that the report was well written, however he asked that an index be included for those students not involved on Council. He also reminded the Executive that next Friday is Robbie Burns Day!

Councilor Taylor mentioned that his Council has some issues with the idea of on-line voting. Because there won't be any polling stations set up, they are suspecting that voter turnout will suffer. He suggested that polling stations be set up with laptops, making it more convenient for students. He also asked what promotions will be done to make students aware of this. VP Henderson noted that computers will be set up around campus and they will be mobile polling stations.

Councilor Taylor apologized for the misunderstanding and asked what promotions were going to take place. VP Henderson explained that the campaign materials and the voting information was discussed at a recent communications meeting and will start shortly. He mentioned one campaign that he is fond of is "Vote in your underwear." Councilor Taylor asked for an update on the computer project for the Tunnel and the recent Open Mike held in Lower Place Riel.

VP Henderson reported that the Tunnel project is coming along well. The University has now installed their fire doors and the next step will be the installation of fire alarms and sensors. At some point, the University and the Fire Marshalls will allow the USSU to go along with the project.

VP Barber reported that the Open Mike went well, with about 25 speakers. This being the first one, she mentioned that the next one will be advertised a little further in advance.

President Hutchinson reminded Councilors that the first public presentation from the Associate VP (Student Affairs and Services) candidates will take place tomorrow from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Place Riel Theatre. The candidates will also be speaking the following two Fridays.

Councilor Leuschen mentioned that the TV in Lower Place looks great!

Councilor Taylor suggested that the next Open Mike be held in Browsers so students studying in Lower Place will not be disturbed. VP Barber noted that she would like to keep the timing and location consistent to build on the initiative.

Councilor MacDonald congratulated the Executive on an excellent first term and thanked them for their hard work.

Any Other Business

No other business.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC127: Barber/Wallace

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, January 24th, 2002

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

5.1 Building Project – Saunders Evans Architects

Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes: January 17^h, 2002

6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: January 22nd, 2002

6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report

6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report: January 22nd, 2002

6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report

6.7 Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report

Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: January 22nd, 2002

7.2 Term 1 Accountability Reports – VP Barber

7.3 CASA Update

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

New Business

10.1 Move to expend up to \$8,113,000 for the Place Riel Student Centre expansion, Louis' renovation and Student Council Chambers.

10.2 Move to hold a referendum (in conjunction with the USSU General Election in Spring 2002) for the implementation of a mandatory transportation plan fee of \$100 - \$115 for full-time undergraduate students.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

24. Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, January 24th, 2002

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Samara Worth, Education
Geoff Stewart, Engineering
Maureen Torrie, Engineering
Joseph Swan, ISC
Andrew Merryweather, Kinesiology
Erin Stang, Law
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine
Jennifer Leuschen, Nursing
Natalie Ferrara, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Dan Hewson, Physical Therapy
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More College
Kirsten Derald, St. Thomas More

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Ringguth, Chair
Robin Mowat, Sheaf
Jeff Jackson, USSU Volunteer Centre
Adam Tkachuk

REGRETS

Lyle Popovic, Education
Jessica Paterson, Veterinary Medicine

ABSENT

Connor McManus, VPRA
Glenn Ridalls, Vocational Agriculture

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

President Hutchinson noted that although the building project will be discussed tonight, it will not be voted on.

Move that Item 10.1 be taken up as Business immediately following Council Address.

MOTION USC 128: Hutchinson/Henderson Carried.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

MOTION USC129: Wallace/Hutchinson Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

VP Henderson introduced Leslee Harden, USSU General Manager, Sharla Davidiuk, USSU Policy and Research Coordinator, Jon Bath, Communication Coordinator, Freda Salikin, Facilities & Support Services Manger, Sharon Odnokon and Rob Fyke, Louis' Site Managers, and Melanie Zaitsoff, Operations Manager.

VP Henderson noted that the following colleges still have money outstanding to them for Coca-Cola; the Agriculture Students Association, Arts & Science Students' Union, Nursing Students Society, Dentistry Students' Society and Vocation Agriculture Students' Society.

He also announced that the USSU Childcare Centre is having a fundraiser Steak Night. Please contact the Centre at 966-2777 for tickets.

President Hutchinson announced that a CRO and an ACRO have been chosen for the Elections Board. The Board is currently short two Student-at-Large positions. She encouraged Councilors to tell students about the position. The deadline to apply is next Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Councilor Brost introduced Adam Sawchuk, STMSU President.

VP Wallace reminded Council about DisOrientation. He asked Councilors to promote the free event. If you would like further information, please stop in at the USSU Front Office.

Councilor MacDonald announced that February 8th is the Commerce Stud Pub, which is a grad fundraiser. Also, Tasha Elliott, Help Centre Director, will be visiting Commerce on February 4th to do a sexual assault information session. If any other MSC's are interested in putting something similar on in their college, please see Councilor MacDonald.

VP Barber announced that Melanie Christensen has submitted her resignation for her position on the Student Issues Board, therefore there is an opening on her Board. She also reminded Council that Jello Biafra will be at Place Riel Theatre tonight.

Councilor Torrie announced that 40 students from Engineering are at the Western Engineering Conference Competition in Regina. Friday and Saturday the College of Engineering will be putting on a Discovery Conference for Grade 8 girls to promote careers in engineering. On February 2nd the College will be putting on a Snow Golf tournament. If you would like to enter a team, please see Councilor Torrie.

Councilor Taylor reported that the ASSU, along with Dean Coates, will be officially announcing that volunteer work will now be included on transcripts.

Councilor Leuschen announced that the College of Nursing, in conjunction with a couple of other colleges, are holding the Malpractice Mixer on February 1st. Tickets are on sale in the Tunnel. Mardi Gras, the Nursing/Kinesiology event will be on March 28th. There will also be an Awards & Casino Night on April 10th.

Councilor Stang noted she was absent last week due to her involvement with Legal Follies. The show went over very well, and a lot of money was raised for the Salvation Army. The College of Law is also involved in organizing the Malpractice Mixer.

Council Address

President Hutchinson explained that the fundraising efforts for the proposed Place Riel Building were not successful. She mentioned that the USSU approached the Saunders Evans Architect team to put together a tentative plan for renovations to the MUB and Place Riel, as well as Lower Saskatchewan Hall, in place of the previous building project. A few changes to note are additional retail space in Place Riel, including room for a pharmacy, major renovations to Louis' and a possible update to the old Browsers space to be converted into Council Chambers.

She noted that next week voting on the motion can be split into three different sections; MUB, Place Riel and Lower Saskatchewan Hall. She suggested that voting be deferred on the Place Riel renovations until more investigation can be done. She suspects that the further investigation into the renovations to Place Riel will take approximately six weeks. The project will then have to be taken to the next Board of Governors meeting for approval, and following that, the Meewasin Valley Authority.

Move to have the architecture firm, Saunders Evans Architects, address Council.

MOTION USC130: Hutchinson/Stang Carried.

Mr. Saunders thanked Council for allowing them to speak. He introduced the members of his team involved in this project. He explained that because the original plan was not deemed possible, a second design has been completed.

Mr. Evans briefly explained the study. He started with the MUB renovations, noting that the firm has worked closely with the Site Managers of Louis', VP Henderson and the Operations Manager to determine their requirements. Mr. Evans displayed slides and pointed out major changes to the space. He also outlined where the majority of funds would be spent and identified cost saving measures. Overall seating capacity will increase from 373 to 500.

Esthetics could resemble a hard industrial look, with lots of stainless steel and concrete, keeping it very durable; however, further design and consultation is needed. Various ways of maintaining the acoustics of the space are also being investigated.

A comprehensive list of items that will be incurred by the USSU is included in the building study. All of these items are included in the budget so no unforeseen costs will arise.

The Place Riel renovation portion of the project was then discussed. There will be additional space created in the breezeway between the back of Place Riel and the Murray Building and Marquis Hall. Further retail space will be available in both the lower and upper levels.

President Hutchinson reminded Councilors that although the motion will be brought to the table, it will not be voted on at this time.

Move to expend up to \$8,133,000 for the Place Riel Student Centre Expansion, Louis' renovation and Student Council Chambers.

MOTION USC131: Hutchinson/
Motion tabled to next meeting.

Move to quasi committee of the whole.

MOTION USC132: Hutchinson/Wallace Carried.

Councilor Taylor asked where the additional funds would come from. President Hutchinson clarified it was suggested that the motion for the funds to be expended for Place Riel will not be voted on for approximately six weeks. Funding for only the MUB Building could be voted on next week. The total cost of the Louis' renovation and the Student Council Chambers is less than the \$5.6 million we currently have available.

Councilor Swan asked where the \$1.4 million, which was set aside for Indigenous space in the new Place Riel, falls into place. President Hutchison noted that the money is still available and depending on whether the current plans meet the Aboriginal students' needs, it may be used for Aboriginal space in the Place Riel expansion.

Councilor Stang voiced her concern with regard to the order of the renovations. She suggested renovations be done to Place Riel before MUB.

Councilor Stewart asked if natural gas would be run to Louis' and if more heaters would have to be provided for the expanded patio. Mr. Evans answered that the costs for running natural gas to the MUB, also to be used for Browsers fireplace, is currently included in the budget.

Councilor Schneider asked about the layout of Louis'. She noted she had concerns with the size of the dance floor. Mr. Evans responded that because the stage has to be a certain size to accommodate for live bands, the dance floor cannot be expanded further.

Councilor MacDonald asked what the draw would be for students to visit Louis', particularly after it's not new anymore. Mr. Evans noted that programming is what will hopefully keep students coming to the establishment.

Councilor Taylor asked if the costs of replacing the fire alarm system were recognized in the first proposal. Mr. Evans explained that the current system is sufficient in the current space, however it would become unsafe in an expanded area.

VP Henderson assured that additional measures will be taken to promote the new Louis'. For example, both the food and beverage menus will be expanded, an expanded games area, a private function area and catering services will all be offered. Regarding the fire alarm system, he assured that the current space is safe and that additional security measures will be taken into account for the expanded space.

Councilor Zerr asked how many seats are available in the new blueprints as compared to the old blueprints. She also noted that many people already find Louis' atmosphere to be dark, and she was wondering what could be done to address that issue. She also asked how service will be provided in the new bar.

Mr. Evans explained that the current seating capacity is approximately 235 and the new plans will accommodate approximately 356. The lighting in the new space will be flexible to accommodate both lunch and evening crowds.

Councilor Torrie noted that she was concerned with the location of the DJ Booth. Mr. Evans explained that through their consultations with the Louis' Site Managers, he felt confident that the location would suffice.

Councilor Swan reminded the USSU to speak with the ISC to keep them informed of the proposed changes, and that the \$1.4 million may still be available if required.

Councilor Stang asked for clarification on the expanded areas for Louis. Mr. Evans explained that the basement is expanding as well as the patio area. She also asked if the motion is split, if Council could vote to have the renovations done to Place Riel and Lower Sask Hall first if funding was still uncertain. President Hutchinson explained that was very possible and entirely up to Councilors.

VP Henderson added that Louis' has been suffering for a couple of years. He noted that in 1992 the Place Riel Society did a renovation worth approximately \$550,000 to Louis' and following there was an approximate increase in sales of about 25%. In 1996 there was approximately \$140,000 for minor cosmetic changes, which resulted in an increase in sales of about 5%. Unfortunately, those renovations did not allow the bar to offer the types of services they should. There is a choice to either renovated extensively or close the bar. He also mentioned that the proposed renovation would increase sales up to approximately \$740,000. Other colleges that have undergone recent renovations have seen substantial increases. For example, SAIT had a 112% increase in sales and U of C had 100% increase. With regards to the atmosphere, he noted that it was too early in planning to determine seating, etc. He also noted that table service will be available in the new bar.

Mr. Dumont, guest from the College of Arts & Science, asked what considerations have been made to the current tenants of MUB. VP Henderson noted that there would be some disruptions to the current tenants during demolition and constructions. Their needs will be determined and addressed prior to beginning the work.

Councilor Hewson noted that although he does agree that Louis' is in need of a facelift, he is concerned that after money is spent on that project that the renovations to Place Riel will not be feasible. He also noted that ISC has set aside the \$1.4 million in good faith and is worried about repercussions is they are not allotted space in the proposed plans.

Councilor Sharma asked why Saunders Evans Architects were chosen and if the construction will be put to a public bid. VP Henderson noted that the USSU was very pleased with Saunders Evans Architects work on the Place Riel Building Project. He also noted that both Saunders Evans Architects and PCL have agreed to do the work for this particular project for cost to this point. If the project was to moved forward, they would obviously have increased knowledge of the project.

Councilor Taylor asked if further food outlets were made available in Lower Place, if that would take away business from Louis'. VP Henderson responded that three food kiosks would be made available and that the more options available, the greater the impact on the tenants. He also explained that because Louis' menu will be expanded drastically, he does not foresee any problems with competition from Place Riel tenants.

Councilor MacDonald noted that there is a definite lack of food services on campus. She also asked for clarification on the capacity of Louis'. Mr. Evans explained that the current capacity is 373, seating capacity is and that the new space will be 500.

Councilor MacDonald noted that when she takes this information back to her students, they want to know what the new bar is going to look like. She has asked them what would make them go to Louis'. She noted that students are also concerned about cheaper drinks, different bands and parking.

Councilor Derald asked if current tenants have exclusivities and what effect they would have on potential tenants.

Councilor Ferrara noted her concerns. She recognized that Louis' is the establishment requiring immediate assistance, and that Place Riel renovations can wait. She also mentioned that the staff of Louis' will be responsible for making the bar a place people will want to come back to.

Councilor Stewart wondered why Council required their own chambers. He suggested that money could be used better elsewhere. President Hutchinson explained that the idea came out of the realization that most other Universities have their own Council Chambers and that the current space available for USC meetings is inadequate. She noted the Council Chambers could become an excellent meeting space and could be rented out to University groups.

Councilor Schneider noted that she feels a change in infrastructure alone is not going to bring people into Louis'. She asked for clarification on Louis' marketing plan and also noted that it was likely the U of C and SAIT had a detailed plan before undergoing renovations. She suggested a Pita Pit be brought in as one of the food outlets.

VP Henderson responded to a number of inquiries. He mentioned that the USSU realizes parking is a problem for people visiting our venues. VP Barber is currently investigating options with the Parking Office. He also noted that Louis' has always had a good support base for local and up-and-coming bands. Programming will be an important part of keeping the bar busy. He explained that most of the exclusivities our tenants have were removed during recent negotiations. The marketing plan for Louis' is currently being developed. Advertising and promotions are being considered in the budget.

President Hutchinson spoke to the availability of space for Aboriginal students. She noted that the space requirements recognized for Aboriginal students during the previous building plan would not be met with the current building proposal; however, if space requirements have changed, negotiations may resume. Councilor Swan noted that original concerns with the proposed Aboriginal space were mainly with the location.

Operations Manager, Melanie Zaitsoff, explained that Louis' marketing plan includes advertising and promotional campaigns, etc.....inaudible.

Councilor Sharma asked why the 900 square feet of the space for Student Affairs & Services. VP Wallace explained that Student Affairs and Services space requirements must be addressed. He noted that they deal with a number of confidential issues and their current space is not conducive to handle those needs.

Councilor Avanashi asked if the private area in Louis' will be available to under-age students. VP Henderson responded that liquor regulations will have to be investigated to determine if that would be possible.

Councilor Zerr agreed with Councilor Schneider's comments regarding the availability and content of Louis' marketing plan. She suggested that the motion not be voted on until all of these issues are addressed.

Councilor Torrie asked what the plans are for Upper Place and the seating capacity for the food court. Mr. Evans explained that the space is required for a number of offices and that the number of current seats is unknown, but it is less than 200.

Move to postpone discussion.

MOTION USC133: Leuschen/Brost Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Action

USC Minutes

Councilor Zerr suggested that Councilor Riddals' name be added to the present list.

Councilor Stewart.....inaudible.

Move to adopt the minutes as amended.

MOTION USC135: Sharma/Derdall Carried.

Operations & Finance Board

VP Henderson reviewed the minutes for January 22nd, 2002.

Councilor Stang suggested the motion to deny funding to VPRA for fundraising for Telemiracle be expanded to explain that the request does not fall under the USSU's mandate.

Move to adopt the minutes as amended.

MOTION USC136: Leuschen/Zerr Carried.

Appointments Board Minutes

President Hutchinson reviewed the minutes for January 22nd, 2002.

She noted that there is a position to fill on the Student Issues Board as well as two student-at-large positions on the Elections Board. She encouraged Councilors to make their fellow students aware of the vacancies.

Move to adopt the minutes as read.

MOTION USC137: Torrie/Avanashi Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

Executive Committee Minutes

VP Barber reviewed the minutes from January 22nd, 2002.

Move to recess for 5 minutes.

MOTION USC138: Henderson/Leuschen Carried.

Councilor Leuschen asked for clarification on the details of the transportation plan. VP Barber explained that the only students who would be able to opt out would be students driving in from out of town. She noted that none of the other schools in Canada that have a mandatory bus pass allow students to opt out of the plan.

Councilor Stewart asked if the cost of the plan covers the cost of a parking spot for students driving in from out of town as well. VP Barber responded that it does not.

Move to adopt the minutes as read.

MOTION USC139: Leuschen/Henderson

Carried.

Term I Accountability Report - VP Barber

VP Barber apologized for not having her report included in the original document. She explained her daily duties and her portfolio duties. The majority of her time has been spent dealing with the Designated Parking Pass Program, the Varsity View parking issue, as well as mandatory transit and computing fees. She noted that the Open Mike in Lower Place Riel will be occurring on a regular basis and that she has gotten positive feedback on the "Free Box" outside the Help Centre. She also mentioned that she is meeting with the Food Bank tomorrow to discuss their potential presence on campus.

Councilor Ferrara suggested VP Barber speak with the Pharmacy and Nutrition President regarding the Child Hunger and Education Program. VP Barber also mentioned that the President of the GSA is also interested in becoming involved in that program.

Councilor Taylor asked why VP Barber's information was not available on Monday for Councilors to review. VP Barber apologized and explained that she was experiencing difficulties with her computer.

Councilor Avanashi asked for a quick progress report on VP Barber's initiatives for the year. VP Barber suggested that computing will likely be rolled into tuition next year. She also noted that she believes the City will be proposing to move Varsity View parking back another couple of blocks.

Councilor Leuschen asked if VP Barber had spoke with residents of Varsity View. She has spoke with students that live in the area who are very concerned about having to pay for parking in front of their own homes. VP Barber explained that she has spoke with many residents and students. She will be meeting with the City next week, and that she is only suspecting what will happen.

Councilor Taylor asked for clarification of the cost to park in Varsity View. He also asked what the post secondary issues were that VP Barber was following. VP Barber explained that there is a limit to how many vehicles each house can park on the street. She noted that she keeps up to date with a variety of post secondary issues by reading a review that the USSU Researcher does on articles in the two national newspapers. VP Wallace explained that Varsity View residents don't pay to park on the street; however, they do pay an administrative fee to obtain a parking pass.

Councilor Ferrara noted that many students from the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition are interning out of Saskatoon. She asked if in this type of situation, students would be able to opt out of the transportation plan. VP Barber explained that an appeals board will be set up to address those issues.

CASA Weekly Update

President Hutchinson mentioned that the banner was posted at various locations across campus last week. It will be taken to Ottawa during the national lobbying conference.

Statistics Canada has put out a report after surveying students. An interesting point to note is that 54% of students combine work and study.

Regarding student loans, the maximum allowance has not increased since 1995. This means that although tuition and the cost of living have increased, if you were receiving the maximum four years ago, you would not have seen an increase in your weekly allowance. She noted that parental contributions are also an issue.

The CASA Government Relations Coordinator met with HRDC, in charge of student loans. They discussed the lack of action regarding debt reduction and repayment of student loans.

The premier's conference is primarily dealing with health care, unfortunately post secondary education is not on the agenda.

The National Director position for CASA is currently open for application. Please see President Hutchinson if you are interested.

Councilor Taylor asked the President how she felt the successful rate was of the recent CASA awareness campaign. President Hutchinson responded that she felt the campaign was successful. The banner attracted a lot of attention. Students stopped by and asked questions and many thumbprints were collected.

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

No motions arising from the minutes.

Business.

No business.

New Business

Move to hold a referendum (in conjunction with the USSU General Election in Spring 2002) for the implementation of a mandatory transportation plan fee of \$100 - \$150 for full-time undergraduate students. Barber/Henderson

Questions and Comments

Councilor Schneider asked for clarification on VP Barber's position on mandatory fees. VP Barber explained that the \$30 computing fee is not considered a mandatory fee, it's a hike in computing fees. She noted that she wasn't so much opposed to the fee hike, but that the University Administration did not consult students before implementation of the hike. She is in favour of a mandatory transportation plan due to the difficulties many students are experiencing and the fact that it will save students approximately \$200 per year.

Councilor Derald asked what the USSU's position was on the Tuition Rally poster that was being circulated on campus by the Citizens for Accessible Education. President Hutchinson assured that she was aware of the article that appeared in the Star Phoenix. In response to that, she will be drafting a letter explaining what the USSU has done against tuition increases and to encourage students to participate in a rally if they wish. She noted that February 6th is the Canadian Federation of Students' National Day of Action and she suspects this group is related.

Councilor Brost asked about the document on USC's Recommendation on Tuition and Other Fees at the University of Saskatchewan. He asked when it was developed and how the University would respond to the document. President Hutchinson responded by explaining that "Were We Stand" documents are developed by the Executive with recommendations from USC. She is hoping to get feedback from Council and develop a clean document to present to the University. She encouraged Councilors to go over the document in the next two weeks and be prepared to discuss the document on February 7th.

VP Barber responded to Councilor Derald's comment. She made it clear that the group distributing the posters was not affiliated with CFS, it was just a group of concerned students. She also encouraged Councilors to go back to their students and find out their opinions on situations such as this.

Councilor Stang suggested that the meeting set up be switched back to the previous layout. She also brought her concerns regarding comments made by President MacKinnon at a recent University Council meeting. She suggested that a statement be included in the Where We Stand document to ensure that any corporate sponsorship affecting students be transparent and available to interested groups.

She also mentioned that the University is also currently searching to fill two important positions on campus; the Associate Vice-President of Student Affairs and Services and the Vice-President of Research. Candidates for both positions will be making public presentations tomorrow and next Tuesday in Place Riel Theatre. She is concerned about the timing of the lectures and would like to see them held at different times so all those interested could attend.

Councilor Taylor noted that as a member of the Student Issues Board, he was not informed that there was a meeting this past Monday. He was also interested in seeing the

minutes from that meeting. VP Barber responded that she sends out e-mails informing her Board of meeting times.

President Hutchinson agreed with Councilor Stang's comments. She also voiced her concern about the lack of communication with regards to the lecture times.

Councilor Taylor voiced his concern with the lack of communication about the Student Issues Board meetings. VP Barber suggested Councilor Taylor meet with her following Council.

VP Henderson noted that the Campus Group funding budget is down to less than \$300; therefore, funding applications will only be received until February 13th. He also reminded that the Club Meeting night is February 12th in Place Riel Theatre at 5:30 p.m.

Councilor Ferrara thanked Chair Ringguth for chairing the Pharmacy and Nutrition AGM. Councilor MacDonald noted that Chair Ringguth also chaired the lengthy Commerce AGM as well this afternoon.

VP Wallace suggested that during elections, funding can be provided to colleges to promote their elections.

VP Barber announced that the next Student Issues Board meeting is on Monday, January 28th at 4:30 p.m. The student transportation and parking plan will be discussed.

VP Henderson reminded that with on-line voting coming up soon, starting tomorrow the software will be available for testing. He would like all Councilor's abc123 on campus e-mail addresses so he can forward the site for testing. He noted that there are a few difficulties such as the ability to view how many votes a particular candidate has received and to go back and change your vote.

Councilor Schneider asked when the campus club cards would be available for pick up. VP Henderson responded that he will be working on getting the cards printed and laminated very shortly.

Any Other Business

No other business.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC140: Leuschen/Brost

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, February 7th, 2002

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

5.1 Tasha Elliott - Help Centre Director

Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes: January 31st, 2002

6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: February 5th, 2002

6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report

6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report

6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report: February 4th, 2002

6.7 Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report

Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: February 5th, 2002

7.2 CASA Update

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

9.1 Move to expend up to \$3,258,000 for the Place Riel Student Centre expansion.

9.2 Tuition Discussion - Where We Stand

New Business

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

25. Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, January 31st, 2002

Myfanwy Van Vleit

PRESENT

Janelle Hutchinson, President
Jack Wallace, VP Academic
Scott Henderson, VP Operations
Jenn Barber, VP Student Issues
April Zerr, Agriculture
Virginia Isley, Arts & Science
Blair Taylor, Arts & Science
Michelle MacDonald, Commerce
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry
Lyle Popovic, Education
Geoff Stewart, Engineering
Maureen Torrie, Engineering
Joseph Swan, ISC
Andrew Merryweather, Kinesiology
Erin Stang, Law
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine
Jennifer Leuschen, Nursing
Dan Hewson, Physical Therapy
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More College
Kirsten Derald, St. Thomas More
Jessica Paterson, Veterinary Medicine
Connor McManus, VPRA

REGRETS

Samara Worth, Education
Natalie Ferrara, Pharmacy & Nutrition

ABSENT

Glenn Ridalls, Vocational Agriculture

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Ringguth, Chair
Scott Benson
Susanne Berg
Crystal Clarke
Alexandra Cupial
Emily Eaton
Kelly Gabrielson
Steven George
Tammy Goertzen
Brenda Jackson
Marcelo Lince
Matthew McMillan
Tyson McShane
Robin Mowat, Sheaf
Paul Olszynski
Craig Stehr
Christopher Tupper

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Move to add 10.2, "Move to adopt University Students Council recommendations on tuition and fees at the University of Saskatchewan."

MOTION USC141: Hutchinson/Wallace Carried.

Move to add item 6.2, minutes for November 30, 2001 and January 25th, 2002.

MOTION USC142: Wallace/Henderson Carried.

Move to add minutes for the Student Issues Board.

MOTION USC143: Barber/Henderson Carried.

Move to adopt the agenda.

MOTION USC144: Schneider/Sharma Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

VP Henderson reminded Council that Tuesday, February 12th is Club Night at the Place Riel Theatre at 5:30 p.m. Club funding policies will be discussed. He also asked that anyone with feedback regarding the on-line voting speak with him by Friday. He also commended the ASSU for starting a volunteer recognition on their transcripts.

VP Wallace reminded Council that DisOrientation is this week. Sessions have been held during the week and will also be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Place Riel Theatre. The session descriptions are available at the Special Events Kiosk in Lower Place Riel. He also asked that all Councilors pick up their envelope containing posters and nomination forms for the Teaching Excellence Awards.

Councilor Schneider noted that herself and Councilor MacDonald attended the Saskatoon Women's Conference last Saturday. She also noted that they will be attending the International Banquet and Culture Night on February 9th. The College of Commerce is hosting Roundtable, a National Business Leadership Conference, from March 14th to 17th. She also mentioned that Commerce, Agriculture and Engineering students are having a bottle drive competition next Wednesday. If you are interested in donating, please see Councilor Schneider.

Councilor Stang announced that the College of Law will be hosting the Malpractice Mixer, along with Vet Med, Dentistry, and Medicine. She has tickets available if anyone is interested.

President Hutchinson introduced the ACRO, Chris Tupper. She announced that applications for the Student-at-Large positions are still open. She also announced various workshops are being offered at the Employment and Career Centre including; Interviewing on February 4th and 13th, Resume Writing on February 6th and 11th, Education Recruitment on February 8th and Employability on February 12th.

Councilor MacDonald announced on February 8th is the Annual Commerce Stud Pub from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the Reading Room. She introduced visiting Commerce students.

Councilor Stewart thanked the President for coming to their Council meeting to present the Transportation Plan and the proposed renovation plans and Tasha Elliott for presenting on the Help Centre. The SESS is having Snow Ball at the Sutherland Hotel tomorrow night. Tickets are \$5 and can be picked up at the Engineering Lounge. Snow Golf is on Saturday. He welcome visiting Engineering students.

Councilor Zerr introduced the Agriculture President, Michelle Friday. She announced that tomorrow is the Agriculture Graduation at the Saskatoon Inn. Dance tickets are available at the door for \$8. February 6th is theAuction at the Sutherland Hotel and all the money raised will go Telemiracle. This week is the Ag Challenge and all teams that win will be attending the Canadian Ag Challenge.

An Agriculture student announced that Wednesday, February 6th is the national day for tuition freeze and a student strike will be held in the Bowl. The Citizens for Accessible Education is organizing the rally at 4 p.m.

Councilor Isley announced that the ASSU is having their Retro T-shirt Pub Crawl on Friday. Tickets are \$5 and it will start at the Sutherland.

Councilor Sharma introduced a fellow Dentistry student.

Councilor Avinashi thanked all guests for attending Council.

Councilor Taylor introduced himself to all visitors and encouraged their comments and questions following Council.

Council Address

No council address.

Minutes and Reports for Action

USC Minutes

Move to amend Motion USC131 to be struck.

MOTION USC145: Hutchinson/Henderson

Carried.

Move to amend the spelling of guest Adam Sawchuk to read Adam Tkachuk.

MOTION USC146: Brost/Wallace

Carried.

Move to add Councilor McManus to the present list.

MOTION USC147: McManus/Wallace

Carried.

Move to accept the minutes as amended.

MOTION USC148: Hutchinson/Henderson

Carried.

Academic Affairs Board

VP Wallace reviewed the minutes for November 30th, 2001 and January 25th, 2002.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC149: Wallace/Barber

Carried.

Operations and Finance Board

VP Henderson reviewed the minutes for January 29th, 2002.

Councilor Schneider asked for clarification on the denial of funding to the College of Law. VP Henderson noted that there was a dispute as to whether the application was submitted within the two-week timeframe and the College had already received \$500 in Executive Sponsorship.

Councilor Avinashi asked for an update on the status of the club funding budget. VP Henderson clarified that the budget has been exhausted and that applications will be still be accepted until February 15th and the line could potentially be over expended.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC150: Henderson/ Wallace

Carried.

Student Issues Board

VP Barber reviewed the two sets of minutes for the Student Issues Board and the Student Parking Committee.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC151: Barber/Wallace

Carried.

Elections Board

Councilor Torrie reviewed the minutes for January 29th, 2002. A copy of the final elections schedule was distributed.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC152: Torrie/Henderson

Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

Executive Committee Minutes

President Hutchinson reviewed the minutes for Tuesday, January 29th, 2002.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC153: Hutchinson/Henderson

Carried.

CASA Weekly Update

President Hutchinson announced that she will present a weekly update at the next Council meeting.

Student Parking Committee

Discussed was included with the Student Issues Board minutes under Item 6.4.

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

No motions.

Business

Move to expend up to \$8,113,000 for the Place Riel Student Centre expansion, Louis' renovations and Student Council chambers.

Move to divide the motion into three parts as follows; Move to spend \$4.7 million on the Louis' renovations and move to spend \$124,000 for Sask Hall Council chambers and \$3.3 million for Place Riel expansion.

MOTION USC154: Stewart/Leuschen

Councilor Schneider moved to table the entire motion. Chair Ringguth ruled the motion out of order and suggested Council deal with the motion to separate, then to motion to divide.

Move to amend the motion to have the original motion split into three separate parts.

MOTION USC155: Torrie/Wallace

Carried.

Chair Ringguth reminded Council that discussion is now on the move to expend up to \$4,731,000 on Louis' renovation.

Move to postpone the motion until next week.

MOTION USC156: Schneider/Taylor

DEFEATED.

Councilor Schneider noted that she was able to pick up the Marketing/Business Plan for Louis' late Wednesday afternoon. She felt it would be important for all Councilors to take the plan back to their students to get feedback. Councilor Taylor agreed with Councilor Schneider's comments.

President Hutchinson noted that she could appreciate their concerns; however, she reminded Council that because the Board of Governors meets next Friday, there are some strict timelines.

She also noted that for the renovations to Louis' to begin this summer, the project must receive approval at the Board of Governors Land & Facilities meeting next Thursday

afternoon. She would have to know to bring the project forward to be included in their agenda.

Councilor Isley noted her support for Councilor Schneider's comments. She is also concerned about receiving feedback from her fellow students and the lack of time to review the materials.

VP Henderson noted that he put all of the information on-line and e-mailed all Councilors last night. He also made it clear that all of the documents will be explained thoroughly.

Councilor MacDonald asked for clarification on the expected delay with the Board of Governors if the motion is not voted on tonight. President Hutchinson explained that there are several levels of approval for these projects. The plan was to take the project to the Board of Governors on February 8th. The Board would then take six weeks to review the project and vote on it at the March 22nd meeting. She explained that if nothing goes to the February meeting, it would first be introduced in March, and the Board doesn't meet again until May, and following that, September.

Councilor Zerr expressed her approval of the marketing plan. She also noted that because Council is expected to vote on a very large sum of money, she does not want the motion to pass hastily through Council.

Councilor Schneider noted that she appreciates that there is a time frame. She also reminded Council that the Executive expressed at the beginning of the year that supporting documents would be available to Council at least a week ahead of time to review.

Councilor Derald expressed her concern for putting off the motion for a week, explaining that the renovations will not get done until next year. Councilor Torrie agreed and noted that it would be the same as voting against the motion if it's tabled until next week.

A student from Commerce noted that although the documents were put on-line last week, she asked that Councilors take time to digest the information before the vote on spending this large sum of money.

Councilor Stewart pointed out that the vote would not be hasty as Council was aware this was coming for a while, and the numbers and plans were presented last week. He noted that it would be unfortunate if this didn't happen because not all Councilors were on the ball. President Hutchinson echoed Councilor Stewart's comments. She also explained that all concerns brought forward have been addressed.

If the Executive gets permission to present the project to the Facilities Committee on Thursday afternoon, then vote on the project at Council on Thursday night, she would then know if she could take the project to the Board of Governors on Friday.

Councilor Isley pointed out that not all renovations done to the University are completed during the summer and those done during the school year, become annoying to students. Although it may cause some problems to delay the vote, she believes it's more important to make an informed decision. Councilor Torrie noted that problems may arise doing the renovations in the winter.

Councilor Stewart pointed out that Louis' should be open for September to welcome students back.

Councilor MacDonald agreed with President Hutchinson's comments.

VP Henderson noted that the opening date for Louis' would be dependent on the timing of permits issued by the City.

Councilor Leuschen asked if Council could make a motion for the President to have the authority to take the project to the Board of Governors.

Move to allow the President to speak to the Facilities Committee with regards to the project proposal.

MOTION USC157: Sharma/Merryweather

Carried.

President Hutchinson explained the process of approval. The architects are coming up to assist and hope to have the project approved in principle.

VP Henderson reviewed the Marketing Plan for Louis'. Louis' has been in operation for twenty-six years. The Plan details the history, strategic plans and goals, strengths and weaknesses, new product offerings, etc. It also outlines their competition and how it effects their business. A full service menu will be offered.

Current pricing was also investigated. Financial projections for Louis' are also included. He pointed out a correction to the table headers. They should read from left to right, April 30th, 2001, April 30th, 2000 and April 30th, 1999. He also clarified that the expenses have been overstated and the revenues have been understated. Projections do not include any revenue for catering,

VP Wallace reviewed the operations survey. He pointed out that it was not done in correlation with the Louis' renovation plans. He explained the data and noted that random samples of the student body and Louis' customers were taken. All concerns students voiced through the survey have been addressed in the renovation plans.

Councilor Stang voiced her concerns with the plans. She noted that \$4.7 million is a very large sum of money to spend on an essentially risky business. She asked for clarification on the atmosphere of Louis' and what makes it different from any other bar in Saskatoon. She is also concerned about budget projections in light of what happened with the recent Browsers project. She suggested that a less costly plan be devised to ensure not so much is at stake. She also mentioned that she researched the student fee building levy and found that it was to be dedicated to Place Riel, not to MUB.

Councilor Taylor noted that although he is not against the renovation, he does have some concerns. He questioned where the extra money needed will come from and that he is concerned that it will mean higher student fees. He noted that spending the money on Place Riel would be a much more vital plan. Councilor Isley also noted that she is not against the renovations; however, she sees it as a matter of which is more important at this time.

She feels renovations to Place Riel would be more of a benefit to students, then renovating the bar. She suggested, although it will be expensive, that getting a second opinion on the plans.

Councilor Stewart explained that if the renovations are done to Louis' during the summer, the renovations to Place Riel can wait until the money is available. He noted that Louis' is in dire need of a facelift, and if it doesn't get done this year, it's going to be even worse next year.

President Hutchinson noted that in 1946 there was a \$4 student fee increase to support the building of the MUB, which was originally used for a variety of student activities. She briefly reviewed the history of the student levy. She shared that she brought the issue of an expansion to MUB to the Board of Governors and it was her impression that past students fought very hard to have a pub on campus. Because of the proposed building project, renovations to Louis' were put on hold, and in fact, put on hold for too long. The timing of the renovations to Louis' are very important. It can't wait for much longer, or it may have to close.

Councilor Leuschen asked how far from completion the plans for Place Riel were and if those renovations were voted to go ahead, when construction could start. President Hutchinson explained that there isn't a definite time frame, as renters would have to be secured for the retail space. She also noted that she met with Steven Swan to go over the plans and the Aboriginal students needs are still being worked out.

Councilor Sharma shared that he went back to his Council and told them that he wasn't 100% confident that both the Place Riel and MUB renovations could both happen. In light of that, the opinion of his students is that renovations to the student centre take precedent over renovations to Louis'.

A student from the College of Medicine noted that he had some confusion over the competition portion of the Marketing Plan. He was concerned about having further food options in Lower Place, but also wanted to build on Louis'.

Councilor Torrie brought her Council's opinions forward. Many students in Engineering don't use Place Riel and are against closing Louis' as it's the only USSU service they use.

A student from the College of Commerce commended the Councilors for analyzing the information. He is under the impression that most projects of this size are solicited for multiple bids. He also determined the return on investment for the proposed plan would

be 3.2% and asked if this would be appropriate in today's market. He also pointed out that Louis' relationship with colleges was supposed to be improved and noted that the College of Commerce has not been contacted and wondered why that hadn't happened.

Councilor Sharma pointed out that at last week's meeting the VP Operations explained that the project would be tendered out when construction begins.

Councilor Derdall asked for clarification on the financing for the projects and asked why both projects couldn't happen at the same time.

Councilor Avinashi commented on his College's point of view on the project. He said that they are very set against using funds set aside for improvements to Place Riel for renovations for Louis'. He figured that, with current projections, it would take approximately 32 years to pay off this project. He feels renovations to Place Riel are more of a priority than renovations to Louis'.

Michael Carpentier from Arts & Science made a point that it takes a proactive choice from colleges to go to Louis' and help them to build their business.

Councilor Zerr spoke to the issue of multiple food vendors. She feels that the students who choose to eat at Louis' are different than those who eat in the food court.

Councilor Brost noted that the Executive hasn't given Council any confidence that both projects will go ahead. He asked for clarification on debt financing of both.

VP Henderson spoke to several comments. He noted that because of recent renovations of several of Louis' competitors, Louis' has not been the place to be for quite some time. Those night spots that have undergone renovations, have all seen an increase in business. The private function room will be a bookable area, either smoking or non-smoking. With the improved ventilation systems going in, Louis' will not be a typical smoking bar. He also noted that it is the only place on campus that people can smoke and it's the only licensed venue for students on campus.

Multiple tenders will be looked at for the contract, regardless if they go with a general contractor. With regards to sales, he thinks that going from gross sales of \$441,000 to \$1.800,000 is significant. He also clarified that according to the USSU's master operating agreement with the University, the Place Riel Student Centre shall be, the Place Riel Student Centre, Place Riel Theatre, Memorial Union Building, and the Beach Volleyball Courts.

All of the colleges were invited to participate in the recent Campus Club Night. Over 2200 students have signed up to participate. He explained the allocation of the budget. The funding is in place and the timelines are available.

Councilor Swan encouraged the Councilors to vote for the renovations. ISC has been patiently waiting for 3 years. He also suggested that revenues from the improved Louis' could go into the Place Riel expansion.

Craig Stehr, of the College of Commerce noted that fast food outlets should be considered as competition for Louis' as well and that should be kept in mind. He also asked how the money was raised and how long until it has to be paid back. VP Henderson indicated that there have been many conversations with the University and that their payments schedule has not been finalized. It will be dependent on rental revenue from University and retail space.

Councilor Schneider noted that she will be voting against the motion as she has not had adequate time to review the information. She if anything had been decided with regards to parking options. She also suggested that underage students should be considered in the marketing plan as well. She recommended the money be given to the University for a parkade.

VP Barber spoke to Councilor Schneider's comments. She argued that if a parkade was built, students would likely see only 500 spots, and she is not in favour of encouraging more students to drive to campus.

Councilor Stang suggested that Louis' may initially be successful because students will feel obligated to go there. She also hopes students don't feel that their money was wasted on this project. She doesn't have a problem with spending money on Louis', but she is concerned with the dollar amount proposed.

Councilor MacDonald suggested the bar be turned over to the grad students to run. In reference to financing, she wanted to know if the project would effect her student fees. As soon as Louis' starts making money, those profits are turned over into other student services. She also feels that a lesser amount would be seem more reasonable.

Councilor Isley shared that her Council's opinion is split 50/50. She asked the possibility of both projects going forward at the same time. President Hutchinson reminded Council that Louis' is their own operations, where as any modifications to Place Riel effect many people and all of those stakeholders have to be consulted.

Councilor Avinashi asked what the interest rates and terms of repayment would be for this loan and if the USSU could guarantee no increase, either directly or indirectly, to student fees.

Move to call the question.

MOTION USC158: Stewart/Zerr

DEFEATED.

Greg Florizone, College of Engineering, noted that currently Louis' is a deficit operation of \$100,000 and pointed out that even if they operated at a break even point, the money that would be saved could be used towards the Place Riel expansion.

Councilor Derald suggested that ISC be given the commercial retail space in Upper Place. President Hutchinson agreed that it would certainly be an option.

VP Henderson noted that he heard the GSA was considering opening a pub, but at the same time increasing their student fees \$30. They are also using the University as a loan agent. With regards to the financing, the negotiations for the duration of the loan, the amount, the interest rate, etc. he is under the impression that the interest rate would be significantly less than bank rates.

Move to amend the motion to read "spend \$3.8 million, rather than \$4.7 million.

MOTION USC159: Stewart/Leuschen DEFEATED.

Councilor Schneider abstained.

Councilor Taylor asked if the motion goes through, what is the total cost. Councilor Sharma noted he felt if this motion goes through, we would be in the same predicament. Councilor Schneider noted that it would be a total of \$6.897 million if Louis' renovation was \$3.8 million. Councilor MacDonald asked if the architects would feel this a feasible option. President Hutchinson noted that the architects did indicate some possible cost saving measures and certain things could be cut out. Councilor Taylor asked ...inaudible. VP Henderson noted that the architects had agreed to provide their services for this particular plan at cost and if further study was requested, it would be likely that they would increase their costs.

Councilor Avinashi suggested that students aren't spending money at Louis' because they have no money, seeing as tuition is so high. Chair Ringguth called these comments out of order.

Councilor Stang asked when financing for both projects could be guaranteed.

Councilor MacDonald asked what would keep the architects from spending a large amount oninaudible. President Hutchinson explained that the budgets are flexible and estimates. With regards to funding, a meeting would have to be set with the University VP Finance. Initial meetings have indicated that he is in favour of the project and would be willing to come to some sort of agreement. VP Henderson spoke to the options of the budget.

He explained that these choices were built into the budget to allow for costs that arise. The numbers for expenses could go down.

Move to call the question.

MOTION USC160: Brost/Hewson Carried.

Debate now returned to the main motion.

Move to call the question.

MOTION USC161: Isley/Leuschen Carried.

Motion currently being vote on: Move to spend up to \$4,731,000 for the Louis' renovation.

MOTION USC162: Carried.

Abstentions: Councilor Sharma, Councilor Stang, Councilor Avinashi, Councilor Brost, Councilor Taylor and Councilor Isley.

Move to recess for 5 minutes.

MOTION USC163: Taylor/Avinashi Carried.

Motion to expend \$3,258,000 for Place Riel Student Centre Expansion.

MOTION USC164:

Move to postpone the motion to next week's meeting.

MOTION USC165: Stewart/Taylor Carried.

Councilor Stang spoke against the motion as it's already been opened for debate. Councilor Taylor noted that he would like to wait a week so he can get feedback from his Council.

Move to expend up to \$124,000 for Student Council chambers.

MOTION USC166: DEFEATED.

Move to postpone discussion until next week's meeting.

MOTION USC167: Stewart/Leuschen DEFEATED.

Councilor Torrie ...inaudible. Councilor Stewart noted that the transportation plan is still on tonight's agenda.

Councilor Torrie noted that she felt the proposed Council chambers are unnecessary and that the money could be used elsewhere.

Councilor Taylor asked about money for advertising....inaudible.

Councilor Sharma noted that he would have a hard time justifying spending this kind of money on a room for USC.

VP Henderson pointed out that he is in favour of this motion. The recent Browser's move to Upper MUB has created an opportunity for Council space in Lower Saskatchewan Hall. He also noted that the space would be bookable for Campus Clubs, which are always looking for a place to meet. It would also provide additional revenue through bookings by the University.

Councilor Leuschen asked if this particular project was adjusted to ensure the budget wouldn't be overspent. She also asked if there were ways to cut down the expenses. VP Henderson explained that the numbers brought to Council were a little higher than first

expected. In October last year, the original quote came in at about \$64,000. The new numbers include audiovisual capabilities, etc.

Councilor McManus noted that the room is not being unused as residence students utilize the space for various activities.

Councilor Stewart asked if any other options have been considered. VP Henderson explained that additional options have been considered, which included splitting the room into three clubrooms. He also noted that the space is not to be used by Residence and Security has been informed of the recent incident.

Councilor Sharma asked if projections were available for revenue in the space. VP Henderson noted that he has comparable figures for similar space, such as the theatre. He explained that campus clubs could rent the room for a reduced rate, while outside groups would pay an administrative fee above the cost.

Councilor Avinashi asked to see proof of how this space would improve what comes out of Council meetings.

Councilor Schneider explained that having a regular meeting room does increase team cohesiveness and communication. She also noted that documents could be kept there for reference.

Transportation Plan

Move to hold a referendum (in conjunction with the USSU General Election in Spring 2002) for the implementation of a mandatory transportation plan fee of \$100 - \$115 for full-time undergraduate students.

MOTION USC168: Barber/Henderson

Carried.

VP Barber made a friendly amendment to adjust the cost of the transportation plan to \$109.

VP Barber reviewed the plan. She noted that the pass will cost \$109 and there will be 6700 extra hours of service, with 6 new buses. Some of the routes will include a loop around the university, so you can get off at different buildings on campus.

The University is going to provide new bike racks, which is not built into the cost of the plan. The buses will not decrease their service during exam time and will make sure to run until night classes are finished.

The price of the pass is locked in for a period of two years. The parking office has indicated that students will lose about 500 parking spots, which will bring the number down to about 700 spots, minus graduate students and special needs parking. Parking in Varsity View is also being pushed back.

The extra \$4 includes administrative costs for stickers, computer programming and maintenance and the Registrar's Office also takes 1% for collecting fees.

Councilor Leuschen asked if there are amendments to make to bus service provided by the City, if they would take recommendations. She also asked VP Barber to review the opt out procedures. VP Barber explained that the current contract negotiated is final; however, the City will take student concerns into consideration. She also noted that the people who will be automatically opted out of the plan are physically disabled students. Other than that, there will be an appeals Board to address opt outs.

Councilor Brost noted that the general feeling of the e-mail that was circulated by Councilors was that they were opposed to sending this question to referendum. He shared that the students of his college agreed that the question should go to referendum to allow students' opinions to be heard.

Councilor Isley asked what the current number of service hours was for transit and if an increase of 6700 hours was really much of a change. She also asked for an explanation as to why students will be losing 500 parking spots. She also noted her concern for students who live in Residence or in Varsity View. VP Barber explained that the proposed loss of 500 student parking spots will be to provide space for a grad students residence and bar.

She noted that she spoke with 6 other universities across the country that have a mandatory bus pass and she found that most of them don't opt any students out, not matter what their situation. Even if students walk to school, they can use to bus for many other reasons. She also noted that the increase in service is significant.

Councilor Derald pointed out that debate should be limited to whether a transit referendum be held, not the details of the plan.

Councilor Torrie shared that her concern with the referendum passing with 55% in favour, meaning that 45% do not want the pass. We are then forcing them to pay an extra \$109 for something they won't use.

A commerce student asked why the parking office would take away student spots to build on and noted that he didn't agree with implementing a mandatory fee that only benefits 30% of students.

A student from the College of Medicine noted his approval of the plan. He explained that not all students use the recreation facilities that they all pay for and this is the same principle. He also feels that just because people aren't voting, doesn't mean we should stop allowing them to voice their opinion through a democratic process.

Councilor Stang shared her concerns with the backlog of appeals that the Board would face. She is in favour of having the referendum to allow students to vote.

Councilor Taylor raised a concern regarding the off-campus students. He asked what communications will be put forward to make students aware that they can opt out of the plan. VP Henderson noted that anyone that is a U of S student can vote in the elections on line. Posters will be sent to the off-campus sites. VP Barber clarified that the loss of student parking spots will accommodate space for residence of students working at the CLS. She also spoke to the fact that only 30% of student ride the bus. She suggested that it is likely that many more students would start using transit services once the pass is implemented.

Councilornoted that students have to remember that if this pass is implemented, it will allow them to live in the City and not own a car. This allows students to save a lot of money on gas, parking and license plates.

VP Wallace noted that for students who are against this plan, they can register a "no" campaign and get involved in the political process. From the survey conducted, a number of students don't use the bus because service is lacking, and they would start if service was improved.

Move to call the question.

MOTION USC169: Merryweather/Zerr Carried.
Councilor Schneider and Councilor Sharma noted their opposition.

New Business

Help Centre

Move to allow Tasha Elliott to address Council next week.

MOTION USC170: Hutchinson/Brost

Move to adopt the Tuition and Other Fees Document as circulated.

MOTION USC171: Hutchinson/Brost

Questions and Comments

Councilor Brost noted that it said in the Sheaf that students had to have a computer account to vote in the elections. VP Henderson ensured an aggressive marketing campaign would be implemented. One of the agreements that were made with the Department of Computer Science is to have an advertisement to vote on all of the lab computers. The My.usask.ca computer accounts will also be advertised.

Councilor Hewson noted that he has been involved in student politics for quite some time and has seen student leaders attempt to get a student rate for City Transit. He commended VP Barber on her efforts with the Transit Plan.

Councilor Leuschen commented that many students from her college would like to see a "talk back" system in place for the transit system as many of them are not on campus for a portion of the school year. VP Barber responded that if the plan goes through, student feedback would certainly be solicited on the services of City Transit.

Councilor Taylor asked if there had been a deadline set for the transportation surveys. He also asked for an update on the food bank. VP Barber noted that the meeting was cancelled. The survey included in the agenda items is a sample of the survey that was done last term.

VP Henderson reminded Council that he would like their feedback on the on-line voting system by tomorrow. He also commented on the President's Students Fund. The USSU is one of three groups that puts money into academic based travels for students. The group met last week, and in record numbers, they have given out significant amounts of money to undergraduate students. Approximately 300 individuals or groups applied.

Councilor Stang shared that she hopes when her younger sister attends the U of S, that Louis' would still be around and that Place Riel will be improved. She also pointed out that she hopes students don't feel that Council chose to renovate the bar over the student centre.

Councilor Torrie noted that at the Elections Board meeting reducing the number of forums, due to poor attendance, was discussed. She asked for feedback on this issue.

Councilor Sharma commended VP Barber on her work with the transit plan. He also noted his pleasure with the passing of the Louis' renovations.

Councilor Stewart noted that last year's forums were poorly attended, however, he feels they were poorly advertised. He would like to see as many forums as possible. He asked if the yes and no transit campaigns would also be able to speak at the forums. He also asked if executive not running in the upcoming election would be present to speak in favour of the transit plan. VP Barber confirmed that the yes and no campaigns will be allowed to speak and she will also be present to speak in favour of the plan.

Councilor Schneider commended the Elections Board. She attended President MacKinnon's strategic direction presentation and a few issues to note were to increase the number of graduate students, which may result in a decrease in the number of undergraduate students. It was also mentioned that tuition will also be increasing. She also responded to VP Barber's request for comments and feedback on events such as the tuition rally.

She noted that students from her college will not be participating in it as they don't see such rallies resulting in a positive outcome. She also asked for the results of the Term 1 Teaching Excellence Awards. She asked for an update on the Campus Club Card promotion. She also asked for an explanation from VP Barber as to why she was not present at the January 29th Executive meeting.

VP Wallace responded that there are no winners from the Term 1 Teaching Excellence Evaluations as results are tabulated with the Term 2 results. VP Henderson responded that the campus club database is set up and that the cards are currently being printed. VP Barber responded that she did attend the Executive meeting on January 29th, although she was a little late. President Hutchinson responded to the rally comment. She noted that

she gave a brief speech at a tuition forum on Monday. There was an open discussion that followed and two great suggestions that came out of that were that after USC develops a policy on tuition, it should be made public and that awareness should be increased in the City and the province about the fact that increasing tuition has a negative effect on the province as a whole. She was then invited to speak at the forum after the rally. VP Wallace will be attending the forum as well. It will be in Room 146 Arts.

Councilor Brost asked VP Barber to provide the extra bus routes and service times prior to the referendum. VP Barber noted that the City will require most of the summer to work out the details. Student suggestions from the town hall meetings will be taken into consideration.

Councilor Taylor asked if any of the Executive members considered attending the walk out. President Hutchinson responded that she doesn't have class that day, so there will be nothing to "walk out" on. VP Barber confirmed that she will be attending the rally.

Councilor MacDonald spoke about the elections forums. She requested one be arranged for the College of Commerce. She asked how the USSU will campaign regarding the transit plan. She thanked all visitors for staying for the duration of the meeting.

A student from Commerce responded to Councilor Schneider's comments about the rally. He spoke to the effectiveness of the rallies and noted that the UBC has not had a tuition increase in the last five years because of vocal student protests. He thanked the USSU for supporting these efforts.

Councilor Avinashi expressed his disappointment with the decision made regarding the Louis' renovations. He feels that the expansion to Place Riel is needed much more and has concerns with financing.

A student from the College of Commerce asked VP Barber to justify letting disabled students opt out of the transit plan, but not letting out of town students opt out. He also asked if the plan is passed, if he will be allowed to appeal as an out of town student. VP Barber explained that she will be increasing the number of parking spots for students living out of town. If the plan is voted in, out of town students and single parents will be guaranteed a parking spot. She will be advising the appeals board to not allow out of town students to opt out of the plan.

A student from the College of Commerce asked VP Wallace what his feelings were on professors canceling classes in response to the tuition rally. VP Wallace responded that several concerned students have contacted him and he has encouraged them to meet with himself and the professor. It would depend on the specifics of the case. Difficulties with professors canceling classes should be brought to VP Wallace's attention.

Chair Ringguth noted that the time for questions and comments had expired.

Any Other Business

No other business.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC172: Leuschen/Brost

Carried.

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, February 7th, 2002

PRESENT

Janelle Hutchinson, President
Jack Wallace, VP Academic
Scott Henderson, VP Operations
Jenn Barber, VP Student Issues
April Zerr, Agriculture
Blair Taylor, Arts & Science
Michelle MacDonald, Commerce
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry
Lyle Popovic, Education
Samara Worth, Education
Geoff Stewart, Engineering
Maureen Torrie, Engineering
Joseph Swan, ISC
Andrew Merryweather, Kinesiology
Erin Stang, Law
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine
Jennifer Leuschen, Nursing
Natalie Ferrara, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Dan Hewson, Physical Therapy
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More College
Kirsten Derald, St. Thomas More
Jessica Paterson, Veterinary Medicine
Glenn Ridalls, Vocational Agriculture
Connor McManus, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Ringguth, Chair

REGRETS

Virginia Isley, Arts & Science

ABSENT

Connor McManus, VPRA

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Move to amend Item 9.2 to read "move to adopt the University Students' Council recommendation on tuition and other fees at the University of Saskatchewan.

Move to add Item 8.1, Elections Board vacancy.

Move to add Academic Affairs Board minutes for February 1st.

Move to add Student Issues Board minutes for February 4th.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

MOTION USC173: Hutchinson/Taylor

Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

VP Henderson noted that he added three items to the pile; an attendance sheet for Councilors, an update of the building summary numbers and a discussion group sign up sheet for the interior décor of Louis'.

Councilor MacDonald announced the tomorrow is the Stud Pub from 5 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., which is a singles auction. The CSS is holding their elections next week. The candidates for MSC is Carol Gardner, Loraine Hurt and Tera Schneider.

President Hutchinson reminded Council that the Student Employment and Career Centre is hosting a resume writing workshop on February 11th and 27th. There are also two interview workshops on February 12th and 26th.

Councilor Avinashi announced that the College of Medicine is having a pub crawl next Thursday, starting at Louis'.

Councilor Zerr announced that yesterday the ASA held a Bottle Drive with the Commerce Students Society to raise money for Telemiracle.

Councilor Stewart announced that students from Engineering attended the Great Northern Concrete Tobaggan Race in Winnipeg.

Councilor Popovic announced that the ESS is having a pub crawl tomorrow night. Tickets are available in the hallway of the Education Building. Tickets are \$10 at the door and there is a Hawaiian theme.

Councilor Brost announced two STMSU members, Matt Marcott and Pat Dyck.

VP Barber announced that there was a vacancy on the Student Issues Board and it has been filled by??

Councilor Torrie announced that on March 16th and 17th is the High Voltage Classic, which is a ball hockey tournament downtown. There will be a huge trophy awarded to the winners.

Council Address

Move to have Tasha Elliott, Help Centre Director, address Council.

MOTION USC174: Hutchinson/Stang Carried.

Ms. Elliott reviewed the list of goals and the strategic plan of the Help Centre. She also explained the statistics tracking sheet.

She also explained that a new volunteer system was put in place over the past year where peer supporters were distinguished from front liners. Peer supporters were given additional training and expected to volunteer at the Centre for at least six hours a week, where front line volunteers only have to commit to three hours a week. She also outlined the volunteer awards system and various appreciation events held over the last year.

Some of the duties of the Director include volunteer scheduling, monthly statistical and expenditure reports, coordinating training sessions and discussion groups, create awareness for the Centre, laissee with various on and off-campus groups, etc. They are also expected to meet with the other Centre Directors and the Facilities & Support Services Manager on a monthly basis and to attend the monthly USSU Administration Team meeting,

She announced that the Help Centre will be hosting the first ever National Peer Support Conference on February 15th, 16th and 17th.

She also announced that her term as Director is ending on February 15th and Genevieve Prevost will be the new Director.

VP Henderson mentioned that Ms. Elliott has brought this information forward to Council so they can ask questions prior to her departure.

Councilor Taylor asked what additional services the Centre could provide. Ms. Elliott explained that the Centre offers many valuable services for students and also outlined the Centre hours of operations. She also pointed out that she visited various colleges to promote the Centre. She mentioned that the Centre will have to budget for more resources to be able to meet the demand of required information and outreach.

Councilor Schneider commended Ms. Elliott for her hard work over the past year and a half. She asked for an explanation of the low numbers for personal support. Ms. Elliott

clarified that the LGB Centre, the Women's Centre and Student Counselling also offer this type of service. She also noted that many of the peer support services are provided in a more informal manner as some students are not comfortable going into a private room.

Councilor Stang asked if the Help Centre has partnered with SHIP. Ms. Elliott explained that the Centre has worked with SHIP on various topics, however, not self harm. The self harm issue is just starting to be addressed and her approach, along with Student Counselling, is subtle.

Minutes and Reports for Action

USC Minutes

Move to amend, under MOTION USC162, abstentions should read opposed.

Move to add Councilor Schneider to MOTION USC162.

Move to add Councilor Schneider as opposed to MOTION USC159.

Councilor Avinashi requested to have his comments under MOTION USC159 struck.

Move to adopt the minutes as amended.

MOTION USC175: Henderson/Sharma

Carried.

Academic Affairs Board

VP Academic reviewed the minutes for February 1st. He asked that any Councilors willing to volunteer to do teaching evaluations for the Teaching Excellence Awards, please stop at the office. He also noted that attendance at DisOrientation sessions was up 61% from last year.

Councilor Stewart asked when the TEA evaluations were being administered. VP Wallace responded as soon as possible. The nominations close on Friday and evaluations will begin on Monday.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC176: Brost/Hewson

Carried.

Operations and Finance Board

VP Henderson reviewed the minutes for February 5th. He noted that the Operations and Finance Board will be reviewing the budget on March 17th and Council will receive the document on the 21st and it will be discussed at Council on March 28th.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC177: Stewart/Wallace

Carried.

Student Issues Board

VP Barber reviewed the minutes from February 4th.

Councilor Schneider asked if and when there would be more information coming out on the Transportation Plan. VP Barber noted she is working on it now and the first informational brochure should be available tomorrow.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC178: Wallace/Leuschen

Carried.

Elections Board Minutes

Councilor Torrie reviewed the minutes for February 4th. She noted that the deadline to register a yes or no campaign for the referendum is February 15th.

All MSC's are required to be polling clerks in their colleges. If this is not appropriate, please let the Elections Board know by February 19th.

President Hutchinson noted that there is a vacancy on the Elections Board. Anyone who is interested, please see President Hutchinson. Both SAL positions have been filled.

Councilor Stang asked for clarification on campaigning times and the poster policy.

Councilor Torrie explained that??

VP Henderson spoke in regards to the placement of forums. He noted that there has traditionally been a poor turnout in Agriculture, and he wondered why Agriculture was selected as a venue once again. Councilor Torrie explained that the Agriculture Atrium was chosen??

Councilor MacDonald asked if informational campaigns have to be registered. Councilor Torrie noted that issue will be discussed at the next meeting, however, she noted that if the campaign is purely informational, it can come through the Executive Board.

Councilor Taylor noted that he has removed himself from the Elections Board. He noted that there was some discussed as to whether or not any of the yes or no campaigns would be subsidized. According to the Elections Policy, it says that a \$50 deposit is required to register. He noted that a letter was sent out by the DRO, Chris Tupper, and the College of Arts & Science was upset about it. They have come up with a stance, declaring that the correspondence received was an attempt to damage the ASSU constitution and interfere with past election procedures. He also noted that the College of Education has already had their elections, and the College of Commerce is about to have their elections. He explained that have a problem in being charged for a service that they didn't ask for.

Councilor Popovic clarified that the College of Education has had their elections already due to internships.

Councilor Schneider had a point of procedure noting that these issues should be taken up under Questions and Comments. Chair Ringguth agreed with the statement. Councilor Stewart asked when these issues be addressed if the minutes are accepted. Chair Ringguth read the Elections Board portion of the Constitution. By motioning to accept

the minutes, Council is only agreeing that the minutes accurately reflect what happened at the meeting.

Councilor Stang reminded Council that the Elections Policy was approved by USC a couple of weeks ago.

President Hutchinson shared that she was under the impression that when the minutes are accepted, it says that they are an accurate depiction of what happened at the meeting. If there is a specific motion being disputed, a motion could be added to the minutes to correct it.

VP Henderson suggested that point twelve be split from the minutes to be referred back to the Elections Board for clarification.

Move to split Item 12 from the minutes to be referred back to Elections Board.

MOTION USC179: Henderson/Leuschen Carried.

VP Henderson pointed out that there seems to be some concern about what it means for elections that have already happen. He noted that Medicine had their elections in December. Councilor Torrie noted that section twelve of the minutes is merely the Elections Board following the Elections Policy that was approved by USC. She suggested the DRO investigate the issue and make a ruling.

Councilor Taylor shared that he feels that the issue should be taken back to the Elections Board.

VP Barber reiterated that the Elections Board does not have the power to change the Elections Policy.

Councilor Schneider noted that Council wants clarification on what the rule means. Councilor Torrie responded that the policy will be discussed further at the next Elections Board meeting. Councilor Stang clarified because the Elections Board governs the Elections Policy, USC would like their interpretation of how the rule should be followed.

Councilor Avinashi noted that he also does not agree that other student bodies should have to pay for someone else to run their elections.

Councilor Taylor noted that there is a discrepancy between what the letter says and what the policy says.

Move to accept the minutes, with the exception of Section 12, which is being referred back to the Elections Board.

MOTION USC180: Henderson/Merryweather Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

Executive Board Minutes

President Hutchinson reviewed the minutes for February 5th, 2002. VP Henderson noted that the motion numbers should be amended to read 71, 72, and 73.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC181: Merryweather/Wallace

Carried.

CASA Weekly Update

President Hutchinson gave a brief review of CASA's activities over the past couple of weeks.

The Government Relations Coordinator met withto discuss having more international students study in Canada. They will also be meeting with Edulinks next week.

The Government Relations Coordinator also spoke with members of the Prime Minister's office to talk about concerns regarding student financial aid.

Councilor Hewson asked if CASA has put out a position statement on the recent tuition freeze. President Hutchinson responded that they didn't want to encourage any CFS versus CASA action. She also noted that the media coverage was very good.

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Election of MSC for Elections Board

Chair Ringguth called for nominations. Councilor MacDonald encouraged any MSC's not currently on a Board to volunteer.

Councilor Stang nominated Councilor Merryweather. Councilor Merryweather declined.

Councilor Stewart nominated Councilor Schneider. Councilor Schneider declined. VP Barber nominated Councilor Swan. Councilor Swan declined.

Councilor Schneider asked if all Councilors are supposed to sit on a least one Board. Chair Ringguth noted that although it wasn't a requirement, it is encouraged. Councilor Schneider nominated Councilor Riddalls. Councilor Ridalls declined.

Councilor Schneider volunteered. Councilor Torrie noted that the meeting times are flexible.

Councilor Torrie nominated Councilor Sharma. He accepted the position. Councilor Schneider withdrew her nomination and Councilor Riddalls accepted the nomination. Councilor Sharma then withdrew his nomination.

Councilor Ridalls was appointed to the Elections Board.

Councilor Stang

Move to amend the agenda to include 8.2, which would be a motion to move Elections Board minutes from 6.6 to point 7.

MOTION USC182: Stang/Brost

Carried.

Motion to Receive

Move to receive the Elections Board minutes under Motions and Reports for Information.

MOTION USC183: Stang/Brost

Carried.

Councilor Schneider noted her objection.

President Hutchinson noted she felt the addition to the agenda was a good idea as the issue should be addressed.

Councilor MacDonald explained that part of the Elections Board's job is to interpret the Elections Policy.

Michael Carpentier, Arts & Science, noted that the ASSU wanted the USSU and USC to think of conventions and that DRO's have never existed in the College of Arts & Science.

Business

Move to expend up to \$3,258,000 for the Place Riel Student Centre expansion.

VP Henderson explained the document he distributed. He noted that there was a meeting with Saunders Evans Architects earlier today and they have recalculated some of the numbers.

With regards to line item number One, the Addition and Renovation to the Louis' project. The original number was \$3,700,000 and after the changes, it now stands as \$2,574,000, which is a difference of \$496,000. The schedule indicates were the savings have been recognized.

With regards to the renovations to the MUB, the savings are \$250,000, which brings the costs of the project from \$4.7 million to \$3.9 million. This leaves \$1.7 million in the USSU trust fund.

He reviewed the proposed plans for the renovation to the Place Riel Student Centre at a cost of \$3.2 million. The addition of an Aboriginal Student Centre would be approximately \$566,000, the electrical and mechanical is \$400,000, which takes the project down to the budget of \$2.2 million. Taking the money from the trust fund into account, this would leave a deficit of \$578,000.

He discussed the various financing options. The additional lease revenue will be \$890,253 per year, less the space dedicated to the ISC at a cost of \$25,000, leaving revenues of \$60,000. Assuming a standard mortgage of 5% for 15 years, \$578,000 will cost an annual amount of \$54,000. Revenues generating from the lease space would cover all financing costs.

VP Henderson noted that there are some further refinements that can be made. He noted that this is a reasonable plan to see all lease revenues coming through. He explained that the interest rate and the mortgage amount was calculated on the Royal Bank system. The University interest rate will likely be far better than the bank's interest rate. He does believe the project is feasible without having to increase student fees.

He noted that further investigation is needed with regards to the electrical costs and also to determine any other requirements.

Councilor Swan noted that he hasn't heard anything from the USSU regarding the Aboriginal space in Place Riel, and that the ISC President hadn't heard much about it either. President Hutchinson explained that she spoke with Steven Swan, ISC President, not with the Aboriginal Student Advisor.

Councilor Stang had a point of information. She asked if discussion was on the motion or on the suggestion to table the motion.

Move to table this motion to indefinitely.

MOTION USC184: Henderson/Barber

Carried.

Councilor Schneider asked why the motion was being tabled after concern was brought up last week about the priority of the project. VP Henderson noted that he wanted to confirm some of the numbers before Councilors had to vote on the motion. He mentioned that it would likely come to Council early in March.

Councilor Stang asked noted that if the motion is to expend up to \$3.2 million and it passes, then any number below that would be approved.

Councilor Sharma commended VP Henderson on his diligent work on the issue. He also noted that he was pleased to see the lower numbers. He agrees with postponing the issue until the numbers are finalized.

President Hutchinson agreed with Councilor Stang's comment. The vote could occur tonight, but if not everyone feels comfortable, then it should wait.

Move to adopt the University Students Council recommendations on tuition and fees at the University of Saskatchewan.

President Hutchinson spoke about the document. She explained that the "Where We Stand" document is a guide for consulting when issues are raised concerning tuition and fees. This copy circulated is last year's recommendations.

Some of the issues of most concern include differential tuition, scholarships and bursaries and tuition increases. She also noted that she felt the document was written poorly and that she is striving to address that problem.

She suggested that MSC's go back to their colleges and get their feedback on the issues. She is hoping that a discussion can be held in a couple of weeks. The timing of this document is relatively important as tuition discussion will be taking place in the next four weeks. She noted that President MacKinnon has requested to talk to USC about tuition. Differential tuition is being considered. She suggested a committee be struck to address the issues.

Councilor Stang asked for clarification on the wording in the first statement. She also asked that a note be added to the corporate sponsorship agreements assuring those agreements should not be seen to lessen the University's obligation to students. She also mentioned that the numbers regarding the MacLean's ranking and the big box development should be updated.

Councilor Schneider suggested Councilors submit their recommendations in written form.

President Hutchinson agreed that was a great idea. She will design an outline and ask for Councilors to record their students' feedback. She will have the information available shortly and a discussion will held in next weeks.

Move to postpone this motion for one week.

MOTION USC185: Hutchinson/Wallace

Carried.

Councilor Avinashi noted a vote shouldn't be held next week as there will not be adequate time to submit the input and have the document compiled. President Hutchinson asked that the feedback be submitted by Wednesday at midnight and she will spend Thursday morning developing the document.

Councilor Stewart noted that he feels that it's a great idea, however, he would like to see more time allowed.

President Hutchinson noted that the next Board of Governors meeting will take place on March 22nd. If the issue is discussed over the next couple of weeks, voting could be postponed until February 28th. She requested that feedback be submitted before the break, allowing her time to develop the document.

Move to amend the motion the read "postpone the motion for calendar weeks."

MOTION USC186: Hutchinson/Wallace

Carried.

New Business

No new business.

Questions and Comments

Councilor Torrie mentioned that she wasn't offended that the Elections Board minutes were not accepted. She just noted that if USC does not want the Elections Board to follow policy, they won't follow the policy regarding DROs.

VP Henderson reminded Council that a discussion group will take place for the Louis' expansion. They are requesting that seven people be present. If there aren't at least that many, they will be cancelled.

Councilor Stewart asked what the concern was regarding the DROs. It shouldn't matter how they run their elections, as long as they are accountable.

Councilor Brost commented on VP Henderson's suggested to postpone the Place Riel renovation motion indefinitely. He highly recommends that the issue be addressed in March prior to students leaving campus as there is concern over why Louis' renovations took priority over the Student Centre.

Councilor Schneider noted that although the motion occurred for Louis' renovations prior the Place Riel project motion, it doesn't necessarily mean the renovations will take place first. She asked if changes could be made to the Elections Policy. She also asked which Councilor was on the Athletic Advisory Council and if they could give an update. She also noted that at the last Commerce Students meeting, a motion was passed to spend \$100 to promote the referendum. She encouraged all Councilors to provide information to students in their Colleges and to their Executive. The CSS is also encouraging individual students to run yes or no campaigns.

Councilor Hewson asked if it would be possible to have the discussion group times changed so more students could attend. VP Henderson explained that he didn't set the times, however he will suggest the change. He also noted that there are some time constraints as the process has to be completed by the end of the month.

Councilor Stang responded to Councilor Schneider's comments. She commented that although both projects are going to be done eventually, when financial assurance is given to one project and not for the other, priority is being given.

VP Henderson reminded MSC's that they each of their Colleges have \$100 for spending for advertising USSU events and elections.

President Hutchinson also responded to Councilor Schneider's comments. She noted that Councilor Torrie and herself sit on the Athletic Advisory Committee. She apologized for not reporting back. The Committee met approximately three weeks ago. Currently they are discussing a name change as well as updates to their Constitution and policies.

VP Barber noted that she is available to speak at college society meetings. She will clarify with the Elections Board as to what can be said.

Councilor Torrie commented that she feels it's important for College Societies to have a DRO because although the Colleges are running the elections, they positions are for USC. Whether those DROs are paid, should be up for debate.

Councilor Avinashi asked when it would be appropriate to challenge a motion that was already passed. President Hutchinson explained that the most feasible course of action would be for one of the members to make the motion. If anyone wants to submit an agenda item, it is finalized Wednesday mornings.

VP Henderson noted that in the last couple years, Colleges have always participated with the DRO, however, it's usually been in the form of a letter indicating who the person's name. Honorariums have not been given, therefore there was not cost.

Robin Mowat, Arts & Science, reminded Councilors that the deadline to submit their names for Sheaf's Valentine's Day Boy or Girl is tomorrow. He also noted that donations to the Sheaf would be greatly appreciated.

Councilor Hewson asked for clarification on the "Where We Stand" document. He suggested that when President MacKinnon visits Council, that Councilors speak their minds and challenge him. He also noted that it would be a good idea to get a feel for where tuition issues are heading.

President Hutchinson assured that she would inform President MacKinnon that he could address Council on February 14th or 28th. His ideas may give a better perspective as what to include in the document.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC187: Schneider/Barber

Carried.

Any Other Business

No other business.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC188: Stang/Brost

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, February 14th, 2002

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1 USC Minutes:** February 7th, 2002
- 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report:** February 1st, 2002
- 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report:** February 12th, 2002
- 6.6 Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**
- 7.2 Elections Board Minutes:** February 12th, 2002
- 7.3 CASA Update**

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

- 8.1** Move to strike Item Number 4, under II. Members of Students' Council Elections, from the Elections Policy.

Business

- 9.1** Move to expend up to \$3,258,000 for the Place Riel Student Centre expansion. (postponed indefinitely)
- 6.39** Move to adopt "University Students' Council Recommendations on Tuition & Fees at the University of Saskatchewan." (postponed until February 28th, 2002)

New Business

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

26. Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, February 14th, 2002

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Jenn Barber, VP Student Issues
Blair Taylor, Arts & Science
Michelle MacDonald, Commerce
Lyle Popovic, Education
Geoff Stewart, Engineering
Maureen Torrie, Engineering
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine
Jennifer Leuschen, Nursing
Dan Hewson, Physical Therapy
Jessica Paterson, Veterinary Medicine
Glenn Ridalls, Vocational Agriculture
Connor McManus, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Ringguth, Chair

REGRETS

April Zerr, Agriculture
Virginia Isley, Arts & Science
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry
Samara Worth, Education
Joseph Swan, ISC
Andrew Merryweather, Kinesiology
Erin Stang, Law
Natalie Ferrara, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Kirsten Derdall, St. Thomas More
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More College

ABSENT

Connor McManus, VPRA

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Move to add Student Issues Board minutes for February 4th, 2002.

MOTION USC189: Barber/Wallace Carried.

Move to strike Academic Affairs Board minutes for February 1st, 2002.

MOTION USC190: Wallace/Henderson Carried.

Move to adopt the agenda.

MOTION USC191: Hutchinson/Barber Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

VP Barber distributed copies of the Transportation Plan information sheet. She noted that there are extra copies available for Councilors to take back to their Colleges. She also asked that if there are times that MSCs would like her to present the plan to their Colleges, to let her know and she will attend a meeting in the near future.

President Hutchinson announced that the Excellence Awards nominations have been extended, with the exception of the Teaching Excellence Awards, until March 8th. Nomination forms are available at the USSU Front Office.

VP Wallace noted that there wasn't an Academic Affairs Board meeting last week, and because of the break and elections the following week, there will not be a meeting until the week of February 25th. He announced that University Council was held today and shared that there is now a student seat on the Bylaws Committee regarding student appeals. He also announced that the Instructional Development Committee told Council that course evaluations would be endorsed this March.

Councilor Taylor introduced Michel Carpentier from the ASSU.

Councilor Stewart welcomed Kevin Stumber from Engineering.

5. Council Address

No council address.

Minutes and Reports for Action

USC Minutes

Move to amend Councilor Torrie's comments regarding informational campaigns on Page 5 to read "to the Communications" rather than Executive Board.

MOTION USC192: Torrie/Wallace Carried.

Move to accept the minutes for February 7th, 2002, as amended.

MOTION USC193: Wallace/Hutchinson

Carried.

Student Issues Board

VP Barber reviewed the minutes for February 4th, 2002.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC194: Patterson/Torrie

Carried.

Appointments Board

President Hutchinson reviewed the minutes for February 12th.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC195: Avinashi/Wallace

Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

Elections Board Minutes

Councilor Torrie reviewed the minutes for February 12th, 2002. She noted that the issue surrounding the MSC elections has been addressed and attached to the minutes is a copy of the proposed amendments to the Elections Policy.

Councilor Torrie noted that she will e-mail the forum locations to the Councilor list-serve. Councilor Taylor mentioned that the locations are included in last weeks' Council minutes.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC196: Hutchinson/Leuschen

Carried.

CASA Weekly Update

President Hutchinson noted that the Innovation Paper from HRDC was released on Tuesday. It contains points on increasing funding to the federal granting council , increasing graduate student loans by five percent per year and creating a Rhodes-quality scholarship program for Canadian graduates. The Skills and Learning paper is a little more vague. It talks about increasing the percentage of 25 - 65 year olds in post secondary education and upgrading courses.

CASA also met with Edulinks to talk about communication of their services. They are looking at providing on-line application services. She also mentioned that married students typically receive poor service through the student loans program and that is also being addressed.

The CASA Lobbying Conference is in March. President Hutchinson and the USSU Research and Policy Coordinator will be attending. If you have any issues you would like addressed, please speak with President Hutchinson.

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to strike Item Number 4, under II, Members of Students' Council Elections, from the Elections Policy.

MOTION USC197: Torrie/Wallace

Carried.

Councilor Torrie explained that this motion will take the MSC Elections out of the Elections Board's hands. There will still be a DRO available to assist, however an honorarium is not expected.

President Hutchinson assured that a DRO will be present at the polling stations during the MSC elections to provide validation.

Councilor Stewart asked if the DRO's have to be from outside of the College. Councilor Torrie noted that was a stipulation for the Executive elections, not for the MSC elections.

Councilor Leuschen asked for a framework for choosing the DRO and reporting the name to Elections Board. Councilor Torrie noted that the ACRO will send out a letter to the College Societies and ask for a response as to who has been appointed DRO.

Michel Carpentier, ASSU, asked for the date of the final meeting for the Elections Board. He voiced his concern regarding the timing of the ASSU elections. President Hutchinson noted that Elections Board will meet until all of the College elections are over, assuming they occur in this academic year.

Business

Both items were tabled.

New Business

No new business.

Questions and Comments

VP Henderson thanked the members of the Campus Groups and the Operations and Finance Board that came out to the Club Meeting last Tuesday. He noted that many new ideas were brought forward.

Councilor Taylor asked what the information would be included on the letters that would be sent to students not being granted entrance into a college. VP Wallace noted that more comprehensive feedback would be given in the future.

President Hutchinson commented on Item 9.2. She noted that she sent out an e-mail asking for feedback on the tuition document. President MacKinnon will be addressing Council on February 28th.

Councilor Avinashi asked for clarification on the Item 2 in the Elections Policy. Move to depart from the agenda to consider a motion.

MOTION USC198: Torrie/Barber

Carried.

Move to strike the word Elections Board from Number II in the Elections Policy.
MOTION USC199: Hutchinson/Barber Carried.

Councilor Hewson noted his concern with accountability. He suggested that the Elections Board appoint DROs on the appraisal of the individual colleges. Councilor MacDonald agreed with Councilor Hewson's comments.

President Hutchinson noted that "appointing" to her means that the Elections Board would receive applications and conduct interviews.

Questions and comments resumed.

Councilor Patterson asked for clarification on the appeal process for college applications. VP Wallace noted that each student would receive a preliminary conditional acceptance. Once a student receives the denial letter, they have very little time to initiate the appeal process. For students that can actually present a valid appeal, the College will have to make preparations for successful appeals ahead of time.

Councilor Stewart reminded Councilors to review the budget information in preparation for the March 21st Council meeting.

Councilor Patterson asked if the legal process is prior to or following the interview. VP Wallace mentioned that it would be after because there are interviews held and transcripts that have to be submitted. Each individual college will be responsible for developing their appeal process.

Councilor MacDonald asked for further information regarding the "yes" campaign being put forward by the Executive. VP Barber noted that the money for the campaign is coming out of the elections and referendum line item. Councilor Avinashi asked for an explanation of fair market value. VP Barber clarified that a fair market value is put on all campaign material so that all candidates have access to the same promotional material. Councilor MacDonald asked if the same dollar amount was spent on the information campaign. VP Barber responded that the information campaign is unlimited as it comes through the communications budget.

Any Other Business

No other business.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC200: Leuschen/Wallace Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, February 28th, 2002

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

- 5.1 Peter MacKinnon - Tuition 2002/2003
- 6.40 Jenn Neilands - Orientation 2003

Minutes and Reports for Action

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- 26.2 Move to adopt "University Students' Council Recommendations on Tuition & Fees at the University of Saskatchewan.

New Business

- 10.1 Move to adopt the "Enhancing Student Computing: Student Recommendations for the Application of Information Technology."

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

27. Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, February 28th, 2002

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Glenn Ridalls, Vocational Agriculture

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Adam Ringguth, Chair
Michel Carpentier, Arts & Science
Luke Coupal, Arts & Science
Steven Dribnenki, Arts & Science
Lorriane Hurst, Commerce
Brenda Jackson, Arts & Science
Gordon Steeves, Kinesiology
Craig Stehr, Commerce
Christopher Tupper, ACRO

REGRETS

Andrew Merryweather, Kinesiology
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More College
Jessica Paterson, Veterinary Medicine
Connor McManus, VPRA

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda as read.

MOTION USC201: Wallace/Leuschen

Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

VP Wallace introduced the candidates for VP Academic; Michel Carpentier and Blair McDaid. He also announced that Shawn Blackman's has tendered his resignation and Lyle Popovic has accepted the position of Academic Affairs Officer for the remaining three months of the term.

President Hutchinson pointed out that she distributed the updated Constitution for Council's reference.

She also announced that the Fraiser Institute is having a day workshop entitled "Understanding Public Policy" on March 8th at the Radisson Hotel. She also noted that she has received information on various methods of fundraising, so if any groups are interested, they can speak with her. She also introduced the two candidates for the Presidential position; Jack Wallace and Craig Stehr. She introduced President MacKinnon, who will be speaking to Council this evening.

VP Henderson noted that there has been a change to the implementation costs of the Health and Dental Plan. It has been reduced to \$58,500. He also received a phone call from Audit Services, to inform him that due to security concerns, Dr. Whitworth has decided that the only place students can get their NSID is Arts Room 70.

Councilor Torrie introduced James Berg and Chad Hamre, who are both running for the MSC position for Engineering. Justin Thompson is a candidate for the Engineering President position and Jenn Neilands will be making a presentation for Orientation and she is also the Engineering Social VP.

Councilor Stewart congratulated the new Sheaf Board of Directors. He also mentioned that next week is National Engineering Week. Various events are scheduled.

Councilor Zerr reminded Council that the Agro Bed Push for Telemiracle is now underway. Anyone who wishes to make a donation can call the ASA office. To date, over \$8000 has been raised.

Councilor MacDonald introduced Mark Savenkoff and Rayanne Kirsk, who will be next year's MSC. The Commerce Grad Dance is on March 9th and the banquet is at the Centennial. Tickets are \$5. Roundtable 2002 is the upcoming conference that Commerce is hosting on March 14th, 15th and 16th. She asked for Council's support in

way of their attendance at the various events. More details will be brought forth at next week's meeting.

VP Barber introduced Brenda Jackson, who is running for the position of VP Student Issues.

Council Address

Peter MacKinnon

President Hutchinson welcomed Peter MacKinnon, President of the University.

Move to have President MacKinnon address Council.

MOTION USC202: Hutchinson/Stang

Carried.

President MacKinnon thanked Council for the opportunity to speak. He explained that he would be outlining the process the University goes through with respect to tuition.

Tuition decisions are made through the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors is comprised of six members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor of the Province. Those individuals are appointed pursuant to protocol, which exists between the University and the province. The President of the USSU is the student representative for the duration of his or her term.

One of the important committees of the Board is the Finance Committee. They meet well in advance of the consideration of a recommendation of a tuition increase. He assured these matters are given a great deal of concern to the Board and its committees.

He noted he is concerned about the fact that he has been misquoted on a number of occasions as saying that the reputation of the University would be enhanced by higher tuition. He clarified that what he might have said is that it's fundamentally important to have the revenue to do the work it has to do, and of course tuition plays a part in that.

Tuition is a very important part of the University's operating budget, as is the contribution of the provincial government. For the past 15 years the government has been steadily decreasing their portion of the University's operating budget. This is a common trend across the country.

Another factor is that when you look at operating budgets of universities across the country, Saskatchewan is close to the bottom of the list. The University of Saskatchewan, in general, charges less tuition than universities that offer the same types of programs. Our cost base is comparable to the University of Manitoba and the University of Calgary. When the U of S's tuition is compared with those other institutions, it is on the lower side.

President MacKinnon noted when provincial support is on the low side, it's not feasible to have a low tuition policy. Tuition was raised significantly last year, and he is hopeful that they will not be looking at the same level on increase for the upcoming year.

He explained that he has set up a "tuition working group" that is researching tuition across the country. After last year's increase, the University of Saskatchewan, is in-line with the national norm. The tuition group is taking that information and looking at what our University is doing relative to other universities that have a common cost base, and attempting to determine an appropriate tuition level. The investigation is on going.

Another issue to keep in mind is what will happen with the provincial budget in the spring. There is much competition for provincial government funding.

He is expecting that a recommendation of an extremely modest increase, in the neighborhood of 3%, will be put forward. Differential tuition is also being considered.

Councilor Schneider noted that she attended President MacKinnon's presentation on the University's strategic direction and she asked for his comments on the graduate student initiatives. President MacKinnon explained that approximately 15% of the university students on campuses across Canada are graduate students. At the University of Saskatchewan, the number of graduate students has decreased to about 9%. There has been a gradual reduction of resources and financial support available to graduate students. Tuition and scholarships will have to be seriously looked at to attract those students, who are essential to research, back to the U of S.

Councilor Stang commented that she feels that too often when tuition is discussed, it is always related to accessibility. She noted that other things such as parking, textbook prices, etc. also have an effect on accessibility. Consumer mentality is also a factor. If students saw more visible signs of where their tuition is going, they would perhaps be more comfortable with increases. She is also concerned with retention. She noted that other Universities have large recruitment and retention budgets and that puts the U of S at an immediate disadvantage. President MacKinnon spoke to the issue of parking on campus. He explained that with a scrambled parking regime, parking capacity increases by 33%. However, he noted because parking is included in the collective agreement with the faculty association, it will be very difficult to change the current process. He also spoke to retention. An enrollment plan is being devised and special attention is being given to student services.

Councilor Leuschen asked for explanation on denying NSIDs to be retrieved on line. She noted that it's particularly important to off campus Nursing students. President MacKinnon explained that he was made aware of the issue this past week and was not informed of what happened between VP Henderson and VP Atkinson. After VP Henderson confirmed that the request was denied, President MacKinnon assured that he would look further into the issue.

Councilor Taylor asked what the future plan was for computer fees. President MacKinnon noted that the computer fees are going to be rolled into tuition, however, the exact amount will have to be disclosed to students.

President Hutchinson asked President MacKinnon to elaborate on the concept of rolling all fees into tuition. President MacKinnon mentioned that one of the issues is the sheer number of fees and the amounts that they add up to.

It was thought that it would make sense to give a bottom line number, which includes all of the fees. This would also make the collection of fees much more straight-forward. He assured the use of those fees would be kept 100% transparent.

Councilor Stewart asked if the University would be more cooperative in the future with regards to the USSU borrowing money. He noted that it seems like the interest being paid on loans from the University are being paid by students. President MacKinnon has asked his staff for a report on this issue and the numbers.

Councilor Torrie asked that if mandatory computer fees were charged to all students, would access to computers across campus be granted. President MacKinnon asked for feedback from the Councilors. Councilor Stewart noted that the Engineering computers are equipped with engineering specific software and would not welcome having students from other colleges use those computers.

Michel Carpentier spoke to the issue of student loans. He asked that if all fees are rolled into tuition, he hopes that financial aid would recognize the increase and allow students to borrow more. He suggested that if computer fees were rolled into tuition, it may have a positive outcome for students on financial assistance as student loans do not currently assess other fees. President MacKinnon assured that he would insist that these issues were discussed with post secondary education loans.

Councilor MacDonald asked for President MacKinnon's opinion on decentralized tuition and if it was being considered by the University. President MacKinnon noted that he was in favour of differential tuition and that the Board of Governors has considered it. He asked that Councilors consult with their students and forward feedback for recommendations.

Councilor Zerr asked if the University was to roll computer fees into tuition, would they consider increasing the number of computers available on campus. President MacKinnon assured that there is additional funding and that it will be done.

VP Academic asked for clarification on the process of differential tuition. President MacKinnon explained that differential tuition is based on the cost of the program, not the anticipated income level after graduation.

President Hutchinson responded to Councilor Stewart's comments regarding Health and Dental fees. She assured that there is an overall discussion to be had around the University's responsibility towards these services that the USSU offers to students.

Councilor Leuschen asked President MacKinnon if he would be willing to submit a report to President Hutchinson. President MacKinnon agreed to forward his responses to various issues raised by Councilors.

Councilor Taylor asked where the new computers would be placed. President MacKinnon explained that a plan is currently being developed by the Associate Vice President of Information Technology, Rick Bunt.

Councilor Hewson noted that he was glad to hear that some student fees will be rolled into tuition. He asked for President MacKinnon's feeling on the relationship between a large increase in tuition and the government's contribution to post secondary education.

President MacKinnon explained that the Board of Governors takes tuition recommendations very seriously and that there is a public policy history in Saskatchewan that has seen the share of the operating budget decrease. There have been efforts over the last couple of years to get those portions increased. The consequences of those decreases, unfortunately often translates to increases in tuition.

Councilor Taylor asked for President MacKinnon's thoughts on corporate sponsorship. President MacKinnon shared that his views of corporatization is that it is certainly needed for research and further revenue on the campus.

Councilor Stang thanked President MacKinnon for addressing Council. She also mentioned that when students speak of corporatization they are likely referring to the Coke deal, where students were taken advantage of. She also asked President MacKinnon how much of the operating budget should be used towards scholarships and bursaries. President MacKinnon thanked Councilor Stang for her comments and noted that while the U of S is not currently competitive on the scholarships and bursaries level, efforts are being made to change this. He noted that some of the development on the University's surplus land, the vast majority of revenues will be going into scholarships and bursaries. He also assured that this is a priority that is being paid much attention.

Councilor Hewson asked that if differential tuition is introduced, if scholarships and bursaries would move in the same direction. President MacKinnon noted that there is a fair amount of decentralization with scholarships and bursaries already. He mentioned that he has asked Kelly McGinnis to prepare a report on the implications of differential tuition on scholarships and bursaries.

Jenn Neilands - Orientation 2003

Move to have Jenn Neilands address Council.

MOTION USC203: Hutchinson/Schneider Carried.

Jenn Neilands and Mark Savenkoff, the Coordinators of Orientation 2002, shared their preliminary plans for the upcoming year.

Orientation will take place on September 3rd and 4th. Volunteers are currently being recruited. They are hoping to have 220 group leaders and 30 event staff. A volunteer meeting is scheduled for March 27th at 5 p.m. in the Arts Building. Two training sessions will be held during the summer on August 25th and August 27th.

Anyone interested in volunteering can pick up an application at Student Affairs and Services and submit by March 15th. Further information can be obtained by e-mailing the Coorindators at Orientation@usask.ca.

Orientation Assistants will also be hired for each of the direct entry colleges. The deadline to apply for these positions is also March 15th. The job description is listed at the Student Employment and Career Centre.

Councilor Schneider noted that most Councilors have group e-mail addresses for their students, so if any information is needed to be distributed, this would be an effective communication tool.

Councilor Avinashi asked if students interested in volunteering weren't able to make it to either of the training sessions, would other arrangements be made. Mark explained that it is important that the volunteers make plans to attend one of the training sessions so that they are aware of the information that is to be given to students.

Councilor Stewart asked where the training sessions would be taking place. Ms. Neilands explained that the training sessions are being held at the end of August to accommodate students coming back from summer holidays.

Minutes and Reports for Action

USC Minutes

Move to adopt the minutes for February 14th, 2002, as amended.

MOTION USC204: Wallace/Leuschen

Carried.

Councilor Stang noted that Connor MacMannus's name appeared in both the present and absent list. Councilor Hewson noted that Councilor McMannus was present.

Operations & Finance Board

VP Henderson thanked his Board for their time at the last Operations and Finance Board meeting. He reviewed the minutes for February 26th, 2002. He explained the spreadsheet outlining the increases for the health and dental fee as well and the proposed sale of Place Riel Theatre. He pointed out that all of the information on these two issues will be included in the 2003 budget, which still has to be passed by USC.

MOTION USC205: Stewart/Barber

Carried.

Councilor Stang suggested to add 8.1 " Move to sell Place Riel Theatre for an amount to be determined by the Executive."

Minutes and Reports for Information

Executive Committee Minutes

President Hutchinson reviewed the minutes for February 19th, 2002.

Move to accept the minutes as read. It was noted that VP Wallace was not absent, he sent his regrets.

MOTION USC206: Taylor/Ferrara

Carried.

Elections Board Minutes

Councilor Torrie reviewed the minutes for February 19th, 2002.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC207: Leuschen/Taylor

Carried.

CASA Weekly Update

President Hutchinson noted that the CASA National Lobbying Conference is from March 16th to 23rd.

A scholarship in the honor of Pierre Elliott Trudeau has been established. It will award students 25 national scholarships every year.

The Canada Student Loans program met last week and they are going to conduct a survey on the quality of service with 2000 students from last year.

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to sell Place Riel Theatre to the University for an amount to be determined by the Executive.

MOTION USC208: Stang/MacDonald

Councilor Stang explained that if the University were to buy the Theatre, students would be able to book the space free of charge. Currently, campus clubs have to pay to book the space.

VP Barber spoke against the motion. She feels that although some services would improve if the Theatre was sold to the University, she doesn't feel that the USSU should be responsible for providing academic space on students. A stronger marketing plan should be developed to make the public aware of the venue.

Councilor Taylor asked what the set price is for selling the Theatre.

Councilor Stewart noted that although he has full confidence in the Executive to reach a fair selling price with the University, he think it should be sold. Councilor Torrie asked how the Theatre is currently being used.

Councilor Schneider asked if the final selling price would come back to USC for approval.

Move to amend the motion to read "move to sell Place Riel Theatre to the University for an amount to be negotiated by the Executive, with the final selling price to be approved by USC."

MOTION USC209: Schneider/Zerr

DEFEATED.

Councilor Stewart noted that the Operations and Finance Board, consisting of members of USC, couldn't decide to go ahead with this. He feels it should be a decision made by

the Executive. Councilor Zerr noted that the USSU currently has a number of services that do not bring in revenue and has concerns with hanging on to the Theatre if it costs the USSU to run it. President Hutchinson clarified that if the Theatre is sold, it will for no less than \$26,600.

Move to amend the motion to read “move to sell Place Riel Theatre to the University for the amount of \$26,600.

MOTION USC210: Hutchinson/Henderson Carried.
VP Wallace and Councilor Sharma abstain.

President Hutchinson explained that she believes the Theatre should be sold because it is not be used as much as it would be if the University would own it, yet students would still be able to access it.

Councilor MacDonald spoke in favour of the motion. She asked that VP Henderson explain to Council how this number was reached as she feels academic space is in such high demand, how come the number is so low. VP Henderson explained that the number includes the equipment and furnishings, plus last year’s depreciation.

Councilor Stewart feels the number should be raised to.

VP Wallace noted that while the Theatre costs \$24,000 a year to run, he believes it’s a great service to students. He also noted that a stronger effort should be given to marketing the space before considering to sell it.

Councilor Schneider shared that because there hasn’t been much of an effort to promote the Theatre, she feels that it should be sold.

Councilor Taylor noted that when campus clubs and college societies rent the Theatre, they normally make money to support their group.

VP Henderson noted that he has been dealing with this issue for two years and that he will vote in favour of selling the Theatre.

Councilor Stang noted that she supports the sale of the Theatre and that last year’s USC also supported the sale. She also asked VP Wallace how he felt about the issue last year. VP Wallace responded that there are reasonable arguments for both sides and that over the past year he has seen how the Theatre has been used by students.

Councilor Torrie asked if it is sold to the University, and students are still able to use the space, why it would be a good idea to keep it. VP Barber noted that if the Theatre is sold, it will be used for academic space and will not be available for students to book for their events.

Councilor MacDonald noted that she doesn’t see Commerce students using the Theatre and that there is alternate space available on campus. She also noted that keeping the

Theatre is not a requirement for the USSU to function and that the fact that so much money was spent on Louis' is a reason why the Theatre should be sold. For the same cost of running the Theatre, another Centre could be established. She also noted that the sale of the Theatre could assist in funding the renovations to Lower Place Riel, which is much more of a benefit to students.

Councilor Ferrara asked why more of an effort hasn't been made to promote the Theatre. She feels that just because it's always been around isn't a good enough reason to hold on to it if it continually loses money.

Councilor Stewart noted that on Friday nights, when student groups would most likely use the Theatre, it wouldn't be booked as classroom space.

Michel Carpentier asked for clarification on the philosophy of the Council if it's idea is to provide services to students and not the bottom dollar, then by default it would be to keep the service of the Theatre.

Devin Guedo noted he feels that Council has not paid enough attention to the sale price. He also noted that the University would likely charge two to three times more to rent out the venue.

Councilor Sharma agreed with Mr. Guedo's comments. He also feels the price is far too low. He asked that VP Barber and VP Wallace come up with some solid ideas to promote the Theatre. VP Wallace noted that the Theatre was previously part of an exclusivity negotiation with the University.

Blair McDaid asked if the Executive investigated every option regarding the sale of the Theatre.

Councilor Isley asked if the motion could be tabled.
Move to postpone consideration of this motion indefinitely.

MOTION USC211: Isley/Leuschen

Carried.

VP Barber spoke in favour of this motion so Councilors can get feedback from their fellow students.

VP Henderson cautioned that if this motion is tabled, it will interfere with the timelines of the budget. If it does get postponed, the documents wouldn't be available to Councilors until the following week.

Councilor Torrie noted that the two Councilors from Engineering would not be present at next week's meeting.

Councilor Ferrara spoke against the motion as she feels Council should be prepared to represent their constituents, not their own personal feelings.

VP Barber noted that the promotion of the Theatre has been neglected because it's been in negotiation to be sold.

Councilor Stang shared that although it would be beneficial to get feedback from the constituents, she would rather have the input of her fellow students on a matter that is more important, which is the budget.

Councilor Popovic is in favour of tabling the motion. He would like to get his fellow students opinion.

VP Barber is positive that the Theatre can be built into the budget. She feels the budget deadline is not a good reason to make a hasty decision.

Councilor Stewart asked if a decision is not made tonight, what are the consequences of not including it in the budget. VP Henderson noted that the budget can proceed, however, if the motion is tabled, the sale of the Theatre will effect every department due to allocation of utilities, depreciation, repairs and maintenance. The vote on the budget would have to be postponed to April 4th, which is the last meeting of Council. If there are any issues with the budget, Council would have to meet during exam period.

Councilor Derald noted that she feels the vote is being pushed, which is the same thing that happened with the Louis' renovations. President Hutchinson responded that the University approached the USSU to purchase the Theatre on Friday. This was the first USC meeting since the USSU was approached to reconsider.

Councilor Taylor spoke in favour of tabling the motion because if it did pass, the only information Councilors would have to take back to their students is that the Theatre will be sold. He doesn't want to give the impression of acting without consulting with students.

Councilor Torrie reminded Council that MSCs are elected as student representatives and to act on their behalf. Councilor Popovic noted that if he was to make a well-informed decision, he would have to talk to his fellow students.

Move to end debate.

MOTION USC212: Isley/Taylor

Carried.

Business

Move to adopt "University Students' Council Recommendations on Tuition and Fees at the University of Saskatchewan.

President Hutchinson spoke on the document. She recommended Council take a week to review the document and vote on the document during next week's meeting.

Move to recess for 10 minutes.

MOTION USC213: Hutchinson/Leuschen

DEFEATED.

President Hutchinson explained that she took the comments from Councilors and incorporated them into the document as best she could.

Move to consider the document in sections.

MOTION USC214: Hutchinson/Stang

Carried.

President noted that Point No. 4 has not been addressed and that Point No. 3 is a point of contention that should be discussed further.

Councilor Stang suggested to keep Point No. 1. She explained that when the University collects tuition, it has a responsibility to use it in students' best interest and students have a right to hold the University Administration accountable. She also noted that students from the College of Law would prefer to see tuition increases determined in accordance with the Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index.

Councilor Taylor asked that one of the Commerce MSCs explain why they suggested to delete Point No. 3. Councilor MacDonald explained that the reason was because Commerce doesn't support a tuition freeze nor a policy of increasing only by the Consumer Price Index. She reminded Council that President MacKinnon had stated that further revenues are need for the University to function.

Move to keep Point No. 1

MOTION USC215: Stang/Leuschen

Carried.

Councilor Stang spoke in favour of the motion noting that it's important to keep the University accountable and that there is a legal responsibility of the Administration to it's students.

Move to delete Point No. 3.

Carried.

MOTION USC216: Stang/Leuschen

President Hutchinson suggested that the point this issue addresses could be included elsewhere in the document. Councilor Stang agreed that those concerns are addressed in the rest of the document.

Move to adopt the General Portion of the document as amended. Carried.

MOTION USC217: Hutchinson/Henderson

Councilor MacDonald brought up her concern regarding the deletion of Point No. 6.

Move to strike out the words "partial or" in Point No. 7.

MOTION USC218: Stewart/Schneider

Carried.

Councilor Taylor abstained.

Councilor MacDonald commented that she in uncomfortable with the few Councilors that contributed to the document and that quorum was barely present at that time.

President Hutchinson noted that if voting on the sections could continue, she would amend the document and hold a vote on the final document at next week's meeting.

Councilor Stang noted that she has serious concerns with the idea of differential tuition based on factors such as demand for the program and the costs of implementing the program. She also suggested that a statement should be added to clarify that USC does not support any type of differential tuition based on future earnings.

Move to add Point No. 3 under Differential Tuition "The University Students' Council does not support any type of differential based on potential future earnings."

MOTION USC219: Stang/Taylor Carried.

Councilor Sharma asked if any universities actually use this model of differential tuition. Councilor Stang explained that she feels that using potential future earnings isn't a fair or reasonable standard to base tuition on at the U of S.

Councilor MacDonald noted that President MacKinnon had explained that the College Dean's have a good idea of how much it costs to implement different programs.

Move to strike the words "as a demand for a program and" from Point No.2.

MOTION USC220: MacDonald/Schneider Carried.

Councilor Stanginaudible.

Councilor Sharma noted that differential tuition is a trend across North American universities and that it will eventually become the norm. President Hutchinson noted that she sees both options as differential.

Councilor Sharma mentioned that there are students in the College of Dentistry that pay 100% of the cost of the program and some students don't. He noted there should be a set percentage for all students to pay for certain classes.

Councilor Stewart noted that Council should make realistic and reasonable recommendations in order to maintain a professional image.

VP Wallace noted that last year University Council decided to reduce the amount that students could get through bursaries from the University to allow more students access to that money. Some students pay the full cost of a program and other pay only a fraction. Councilor Sharma responded that he would check on the situation in the College of Dentistry.

Councilor Hewson shared that he was on Council when the last tuition document was formulated. He his shocked to see the difference in opinion between the students on Council then and the present Council. He also noted that because the School of Physical Therapy lies under the umbrella of medicine, differential tuition based on cost of the program, does not adequately represent the proper tuition for those students. He is still in favour of sharing the cost of the programs.

Move to strike the second statement "All students at the University of Saskatchewan should pay a fixed flat percentage of the total cost of their program."

MOTION USC221: Schneider/Sharma Carried.

President Hutchinson suggested to add a clause to the first statement regarding the national norm for like programs.

Move to add "at the University of Saskatchewan" after the costs of implementing that program.

MOTION USC222: Sharma/Torrie Carried.

Move to accept the section "Differential Tuition".

MOTION USC223: Hutchinson/Wallace Carried.

Councilor Hewson noted his opposition.

Councilor Stang noted that she felt President MacKinnon's statements on decentralized tuition to be very fair, however, she doesn't feel comfortable giving the individual colleges too much power. She feels there are not enough controls in place to ensure colleges don't take advantage of students.

Councilor MacDonald noted that there are many different forms of decentralized tuition. She also noted that the Board of Governors will still have the ultimate power over tuition and that at the College level, there is more responsibility to students as is daily interaction between staff and students.

President Hutchinson noted her concern with decentralized tuition. She feels there are issues with college control over tuition and that it would be a good idea for each of the colleges to make recommendations on where tuition should go, with close consultation with students.

Councilor Taylor noted that it takes a lot of time and effort to come up with tuition recommendations and that he is not sure that the commitment would be there from all colleges.

Move to add to Point No. 1 under Decentralized Tuition, "that includes some form of uniform student consultation."

MOTION USC224: Schneider/Leuschen Carried.

Councilor Stang suggested the word "uniform" be added to the above. Council agreed.

Move to accept the section "Decentralized Tuition."

MOTION USC225: Hutchinson/Henderson Carried.

Move to amend Point No. 3 under Saskatchewan Universities Funding Mechanism to read " should be refocused on enhancing the student experience."

MOTION USC226: Stang/Leuschen Carried.

Councilor Schneider noted that she and Councilor MacDonald made the recommendation for this point. She thinks that statement should remain the same because the funding should be used for academic renewal along with the other items. Councilor Stang feels the University is already placed a huge focus on academic renewal and that the student experience is being lost.

Move to accept the section "Saskatchewan Universities Funding Mechanism Resolution."
MOTION USC227: Wallace/Hutchinson Carried.

Councilor Stang noted she has a concern with the addition of Point No. 2 under Scholarships and Bursaries. She thinks the University may use the statement as a hole to jump through. She also has concerns with Point No. 4 being focused towards the institution, where it should be focused towards the students.

Councilor Stewart noted there should also be a statement clarifying that tuition shouldn't be raised to raise scholarships and bursaries, however if tuition does go up, a portion of the increase should be allocated to scholarships and bursaries.

President Hutchinson noted that the University agrees that they have to step up their commitment to scholarships and bursaries.

Michel Carpentier mentioned that Point No. 2 should be more concise as to the meaning of expenditures and that Point No. 4 should read as Councilor Stang recommended.

Councilor MacDonald agreed with the suggested changes to Point No. 2 and Point No. 4 was worded that way with the assumption that whatever benefits the institution benefits the students. She also would like clarification as to where the percentages came from in Point No. 8.

Move to amend Point No. 2 to read "other possible student focused expenditures."
MOTION USC228: MacDonald/Leuschen Carried.

Move to amend Point No. 4, replacing the word "institution" with the word "student".
MOTION USC229: MacDonald/Leuschen Carried.

Move to delete the second Point No. 8.
MOTION USC230: Stang/Leuschen Carried.

Councilor Hewson noted his opposition to the needs based scholarship model.

Move to accept the section "Scholarships and Bursaries".
MOTION USC231: Hutchinson/Wallace Carried.

President Hutchinson noted that President MacKinnon has committed revenues from the big box retail for scholarships and bursaries.

Move to strike the section "Big Box Retail Revenues".

MOTION USC232: Schneider/Stewart

DEFEATED.

Councilor Torrie noted she would like to leave it in until development has begun. VP Wallace agreed, noting that Council shouldn't take anything for granted.

Move to delete the second sentence and reword the first sentence to read "the University of Saskatchewan should dedicate all revenues".

MOTION USC233: Stewart/Torrie

Move to amend the amendment to read "the University of Saskatchewan should dedicate all revenues to scholarships and bursaries."

MOTION USC234: Hewson/Torrie

Councilor Hewson noted that just because President MacKinnon says that's where the money is going, it doesn't necessarily have to be Council's position on the issue. Revenues from the big box retail should also be going to student services.

Move to amend "should maintain a commitment to dedicate all percentages to scholarships and bursaries."

MOTION USC235: Torrie/Taylor

Carried.

The motion now reads to change Point No. 2 to "the U of S should maintain its commitment to dedicating all revenues to scholarship and bursaries."

Councilor MacDonald agreed with Councilor Hewson that it should remain enhancing the student experience and student affairs and services as well.

Move to amend Point No. 2 to read "the U of S should maintain it's commitment to dedicating all revenues to scholarships and bursaries, enhancing the student experience and increase funding to student services."

MOTION USC236: Schneider/MacDonald

Carried.

Councilor Schneider reiterated that the funding should go to whatever is most important to students.

The motion now reads "the University of Saskatchewan should maintain it's commitment to dedicate all revenues to scholarships and bursaries, enhancing the student experience and increased funding to student services."

Councilor Hewson noted that he feels they've taken the amendment, broke it down, then built it back up again. Councilor Stewart pointed out that it's been moved from a percentage of the revenues to all of the revenues.

Councilor Torrie pointed out that President MacKinnon didn't commit to putting money towards enhancing the student experience or increase student services.

Move to amend "the U of S should dedicate all revenues to: 1) scholarships and bursaries, 2) enhancing the student experience and 3) increased funding to student services. Revenues should be allocated based on what is most beneficial to students."

Carried.

MOTION USC237: Schneider/MacDonald

Chair Ringguth pointed out that the first amendment should be voted on first.

Councilor Stewart believes the last point is not essential because they are all beneficial to students. VP Henderson noted that someone should be named to determine what is most beneficial to students.

Councilor Stang suggested that the last sentence should read "through a student consultation process. Councilor Sharma noted the more the document emphasizes the word student, the better.

Move to accept the section "Scholarships and Bursaries".

MOTION USC238: Wallace/Henderson

Carried.

Move to amend Point No. 2 under Student Services to read "The University of Saskatchewan should increase the amount spent in student services to be competitive nationally. A target percentage of the operating budget should be established for this purpose."

MOTION USC239: Stang/Hutchinson

Carried.

President Hutchinson noted that Point No. 3 was added to address corporate sponsorship on campus.

Michel Carpentier noted that something should be added to make the any corporate agreements public.

Move to strike Point No. 3 under Student Services.

MOTION USC240: MacDonald/Schneider

Carried.

Councilor MacDonald noted because this point is so important, it should be made into a separate policy paper. President Hutchinson noted her concern over deleting it from this paper as it may be quite some time before another policy paper is drafted.

Councilor Stang feels Point No. 3 is appropriate, however she feels another section could be made to address the issue of corporate sponsorship on campus.

Move to accept the section "Student Services".

MOTION USC241: Hutchinson/Wallace

Carried.

Move to create another section "Corporate Sponsorship" and to add the recommendation regarding corporate sponsorship under the section "Corporate Sponsorship."

MOTION USC242: Stang/Wallace

Carried.

VP Wallace spoke in favour of this motion.

Move to delete the words "be open" and add the words "be made public".

MOTION USC243: Taylor/MacDonald

DEFEATED.

Councilor Sharma pointed out that if the amendment is to address making the sponsorship agreements public before they are accepted, it doesn't appear that way. Councilor Stang spoke against the amendment.

Move to table the adoption of the document until next week's meeting.

MOTION USC244: Stang/Sharma

Carried.

President Hutchinson noted that she will come up with a more effective title for the document.

Councilor Sharma noted that by tabling the approval of the document until next week, it will still be up for debate by the Councilors that were not present tonight. Chair Ringguth noted that any amendments will be able to be made next week.

President Hutchinson noted that general statements can be addressed next week, but she would prefer not to have to go through the document in detail again next week.

Councilor Schneider suggested that Council vote on the document in theory tonight and table it until next week for grammatical changes.

Councilor Stang noted that if the document is debated next week, there are enough Councilors that made recommendations next week to end debate.

New Business

Move to adopt the "Enhancing Student Computing: Student Recommendations for the Application of Information Technology."

MOTION USC245: Hutchinson/Taylor

Carried.

President Hutchinson noted that this is last year's computing document. A similar process will be gone through to make amendments to it. It will be moved to business for further discussion next week.

President Hutchinson noted that the Elections announcements will be at 8:30 p.m. next Thursday, so she is hoping that there is not a lot on the agenda and Council can attend the announcement.

Questions and Comments

Councilor Schneider thanked the USSU and Louis' for the free Pancake Breakfast this morning and thanked everyone for staying late this evening. She noted that coming back after the break, she was very surprised to see posters advertising "vote yes" in the

referendum that appeared to have a USSU look to them. At the last USC meeting she attended she brought up the issue of running a referendum and campaigning and what clearly came across for student organizations, in particular the USSU Executive, was that they could only provide information to students, rather than running a yes or no campaign.

She disagrees with student fee funding a yes campaign, as the same happened with the health and dental campaign. She also sees fault in the lack of information available to students, as after the passing of last year's referendum, students seem to lose faith in their elected representatives. She also pointed out that after the USC meeting where the referendum question was passed, the Commerce Students' Society put forth a motion to spend \$100 on a no campaign and after much discussion the motion was defeated because they recognized that it would not be fair to those students who were in favour of the Upass. It was then decided that the \$100 would be used towards an information campaign only and she finds it disappointing that the USSU hasn't done the same. She believes that it's the USSU's responsibility to inform students in an unbiased manner. She also pointed out that if the plan was really the best option, the information alone would speak for itself. She is fearful if the referendum passes, students will be upset and confused, and again it will take many resources to address these issues. She recommends in the future the USSU keeps to strictly an informational campaign.

Councilor Hewson spoke to the issue of selling Place Riel Theatre. He noted that over the last five years, since the Theatre was closed, it has been losing money, however prior to that it was losing much more. He added that in student politics, the turnover makes issues difficult to address.

Councilor Taylor noted his concerns with the Elections. The Forum in MUMPS started late and there was no microphone available. He also noted that the advance poll was kept open during the forum in Lower Place.

Councilor Stewart agreed with the points being made by Councilor Schneider. He applauds VP Barber for putting together a transportation plan, however this is the first viable solution that was brought forward, and he is happy to see something even if it doesn't go through. He also noted that the forum in Ag Atrium had poor attendance by Engineering student and the Engineering Students Society will be submitting an official letter to the ACRO.

He also spoke to the issue of Place Riel Theatre and noted that the Operations and Finance Board would have a very difficult time putting forward the budget, without these numbers. He noted that the members of the Operations and Finance Board have already committed a lot of time to the budget, he can't justify spending hours and hours on the budget, if it doesn't pass.

VP Henderson noted that if any MSCs would like an elections banner for their College, please let him know and he will cover the cost. He also thanked the Pharmacy & Nutrition Students Society, Engineering Students Society and the Agriculture Students

Society for using their MSC money. With regards to on-line voting, he clarified that if anyone on campus has a lab account or an abc123 e-mail account, that is the NSID. If you do not have that, you have to go to Arts Room 70.

Unfortunately, this is the only way of obtaining that number because of security issues. He also explained that the forums that were brought up, the reason they were delayed was the microphone was misplaced.

VP Henderson also reminded Council that the Experience in Excellence nominations were extended to March 8th. Nomination forms are available at the USSU office.

President Hutchinson spoke to Councilor Schneider's comments. She explained that the USSU felt it had to bring a yes campaign forward because it brought the referendum forward. She also mentioned for those who have issues with the elections, to send an e-mail or write a letter to the ACRO or the USSU Researcher. She also reminded Council the USC social is scheduled for April 5th, however it will depend on the timing of the budget vote.

Councilor Torrie spoke to the issue of campaign postering. It was the view of the Elections Board that the USSU stamp would suffice for postering in all Colleges. Posters in Engineering were tore down because they did not receive any notice of this. President Hutchinson noted that she called Facilities Management and they assured they would pass this along to the janitors. She also sent out a letter to each Dean's office asking that anyone responsible for stamping posters be made aware of the change during the eight days of campaigning. She did not receive any feedback from the Deans so she assumed it was in agreement.

Councilor Torrie asked that anyone who has concerns, to take their feedback to the Elections Board.

Councilor Stang reiterated Councilor Stewart's comments regarding the Operations and Finance Board and the budget. She pointed it out that it's easy to criticize the process if it's not you that has to do the work.

Councilor Leuschen spoke to Councilor Schneider's comments regarding the yes campaign. She pointed out that VP Barber asked for feedback with regards to her running an informational campaign and there weren't any objections.

Councilor Taylor thanked the USSU for bringing in President MacKinnon tonight.

Councilor Stewart asked if the sale of Place Riel Theatre would effect the numbers for the renovation of the Student Centre. VP Henderson noted that because the project is capital, it doesn't have operational costs until the space is occupied. He added that rental revenues from the Theatre will also impact the budget.

Councilor Schneider asked for clarification on the process for submitting further feedback to the computing document. President Hutchinson noted that copies of the document will be available at the USSU office. Feel free to submit your recommendations.

Councilor Taylor commented regarding the quality of the photocopiers in front of the Print Shop.

Councilor Popovic congratulated Councilor Schneider for making the cover of the Spring/Summer Registration Guide.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC246: Hewson/Schneider

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, March 7th, 2002

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1 USC Minutes: February 28th, 2002
- 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report March 1st, 2002
- 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: March 5th, 2002
- 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report
- 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report
- 6.6 Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: March 5th, 2002
- 7.2 Elections Board Minutes: March 1st and March 5th, 2002
- 7.3 CASA Update

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

- 8.1 Move to sell Place Riel Theatre to the University of Saskatchewan for the amount of \$26,600.

Business

- 9.1 Move to expend up to \$3,258,000 for the Place Riel Student Centre expansion. (postponed indefinitely)
- 27.1 Move to adopt "University Students' Council Recommendations on Tuition & Fees at the University of Saskatchewan.
- 9.3 Move to adopt the "Enhancing Student Computing: Student Recommendations for the Application of Information Technology."

New Business

- 10.1 Move to add in Elections and Referenda Policy under IV. Referenda, Section 'Campaigning': "18. The USSU shall remain neutral during referendum campaigning."

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

28. Any Other Business

- 12.1 USC Year-End Social April 4th at Louis'!!!

Adjournment

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, March 7th, 2002

PRESENT

Janelle Hutchinson, President
Jack Wallace, VP Academic
Scott Henderson, VP Operations
Jenn Barber, VP Student Issues
April Zerr, Agriculture
Virginia Isley, Arts & Science
Blair Taylor, Arts & Science
Michelle MacDonald, Commerce
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry
Lyle Popovic, Education
Samara Worth, Education
Geoff Stewart, Engineering
Maureen Torrie, Engineering
Joseph Swan, ISC
Andrew Merryweather, Kinesiology
Erin Stang, Law
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine
Jennifer Leuschen, Nursing
Natalie Ferrara, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Dan Hewson, Physical Therapy
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More College
Kirsten Derald, St. Thomas More
Jessica Paterson, Veterinary Medicine
Connor McManus, VPRA
Glenn Ridalls, Vocational Agriculture

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Ringguth, Chair
Michel Carpentier, Arts & Science
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce
Maggie Phillips, Arts & Science
Gordon Steeves, Kinesiology
Kevin Sturgeon, Engineering

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda as read.

MOTION USC247: Henderson/Leuschen Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

VP Barber noted that she will move to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. for the announcement of the election results.

Councilor Patterson thanked Elections Board to taking care of all the little difficulties that arose with the polling station in Vet Med.

Councilor Swan announced that the ISC will be coordinating Aboriginal Awareness Week, which will take place March 18th to the 23rd. A variety of events have been planned and everyone is welcome.

Councilor Hewson announced that Physical Therapy, Law and Pharmacy & Nutrition will be representing Irish Awareness Week with a "Get Lucky" Cabaret on Saturday, March 16th at Sid's Garage. The dance will start at 9 p.m. and tickets are \$5.

Councilor Taylor announced members of his Council; VP Devin Guedo and Academic Director, Michel Carpentier.

Councilor Zerr announced that the Annual Agriculture Students Mixer is in two weeks. Tickets are \$12.50 for non-members and \$10 for members.

Councilor Ferrara announced that next week is Pharmacy Awareness Week. It is also nutrition month and information sessions will be held across campus throughout the month.

Councilor MacDonald reminded Council that Roundtable is coming up next weekend. This Saturday is the Commerce Grad Dance at the Centennial.

Councilor Leuschen announced that Nursing is having a Pub Crawl on March 16th. It starts at the Sutherland and tickets are \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members.

Councilor Stewart announced that next Friday is the Engineering Pub Crawl. Tickets will be sold next Thursday.

Councilor Sharma introduced a candidate for MSC, Kevin Sturgeon. The College of Dentistry had their Annual General Meeting, which was chaired by Aaron Dougan. The

four proposed constitutional amendments all passed. Dentistry elections will be next Wednesday.

Councilor Torrie introduced Kevin Sturgeon and James Furlan. They are both candidates for Engineering MSC.

President Hutchinson reminded Council that Anne Dowsett Johnson will be speaking on campus on Monday at 7 p.m. in Place Riel Theatre. There is no charge to attend the lecture.

Council Address

No council address.

Minutes and Reports for Action

USC Minutes

Move to adopt the USC Minutes for February 28th, 2002 as amended.

MOTION USC248: Ferrara/Leuschen Carried.

Councilor MacDonald noted on Page 21, where it says Councilor Torrie spoke in regards to the campaign postering, it should have been Councilor MacDonald as the speaker.

Councilor Torrie suggested to amend James Berg to read James Furlan.

Councilor Stewart suggested to amend the sale of Place Riel Theatre will effect the numbers of the budget, not the renovations of the student centre.

Councilor Hewson on Page 16 noted that he was opposed to the academic based scholarship model, not the needs based scholarship model.

Academic Affairs Board

VP Wallace reviewed the minutes for March 1st, 2002.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC249: Henderson/Wallace Carried.

Operations and Finance Board

VP Henderson reviewed the minutes for March 5th, 2002.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC250: Henderson/Stewart Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

Executive Committee Minutes

President Hutchinson reviewed the minutes for March 5th, 2002.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC251: Hutchinson/Stewart Carried.

Elections Board Minutes

Councilor Torrie reviewed the minutes for March 1st, 2002 and March 5th, 2002.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC252: Hewson/Ridalls

Carried.

CASA Weekly Update

President Hutchinson announced that she, along with U of R representatives, met with Minister Paul Martin. He is aware of the issues with student loans. The CASA Lobbying Conference starts in a week and student loans will be on the agenda with Minister Jane Stewart.

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to sell Place Riel Theatre to the University of Saskatchewan for the amount of \$26,600.

President Hutchinson explained that she spoke with Tony Whitworth and he indicated that if price was a factor, they may be flexible on it.

She also mentioned that she e-mailed the letter that was originally sent to VP Whitworth regarding the sale of the Theatre. The letter included a clause regarding space being available to the USSU free of charge. The University is willing to allow the space to be booked by students during certain times.

She noted that there are other factors, as they are currently negotiating the shared utility costs of the MUB and Place Riel renovations.

Move to amend the motion to read "Move to sell Place Riel Theatre at the University of Saskatchewan for a amount to be determined by the Executive."

MOTION USC253: Stewart/Stang

Carried.

Councilor Taylor shared his opposition to the motion, noting that a definite price should be established before Council votes.

Councilor Stang noted that everyone has a different number in his or her head, and because of timelines with the budget, it is likely that a consensus would be not reached tonight. She is in support of this motion.

Councilor Sharma noted that two members of the Executive want to hold onto the Theatre and the other two want to sell it and he has concerns if they would be able to come to a conclusion.

VP Wallace mentioned that he has no doubts that should the motion pass, the Executive could come to a conclusion.

VP Barber echoed VP Wallace's comments and if the motion passes, the Executive will come to a consensus on the matter.

President Hutchinson noted that if the motion passes tonight, she would be in contact with VP Whitworth to communicate the wishes of Council.

Move to sell Place Riel Theatre to the University of Saskatchewan for an amount to be determined by the Executive.

MOTION USC253: Hutchinson/Stang

Carried.

Business

Move to expend up to \$3,258,000 for the Place Riel Student Centre expansion.
(postponed indefinitely)

Move to adopt "University Students' Council Recommendations on Tuition and Fees at the University of Saskatchewan."

MOTION USC254: Stang/Stewart

Carried.

Councilor Taylor, Councilor Avinashi and VP Barber noted their objection to the motion.

Councilor Stang spoke in favour of the motion as it was extensively discussed during last week's meeting.

Chair Ringguth recommended a friendly amendment to change the title of the document to "USC Recommendations on Student Related Financial Matters."

President Hutchinson noted that the title wasn't officially changed and she welcomed alternate suggestions. She also asked for alternatives for the name and content of the corporate sponsorship category.

VP Barber apologized for having to leave early during the last Council meeting. She spoke against the motion because she disagrees with many of the points Council argued for last week.

Councilor Hewson noted he was in opposition to a number of points, however he will be voting in favour of the whole document to go along with the wishes of Council as a whole.

Councilor Sharma encouraged Council members who were not at the last Council meeting to speak up if they have any opposition to the document.

Councilor Avinashi noted that he and his fellow students had an opportunity to discuss the issues surrounding the document. He does not feel if a Councilor is in opposition to the document, that they should just go along with Council's decision.

Councilor Sharma asked for clarification of the cost-benefit analysis. President Hutchinson asked Councilor MacDonald to provide further explanation as she had suggested the wording. Councilor MacDonald explained that if there is a tuition increase, students should see a direct benefit. She also noted that tuition should reflect the value of the degree from the institution as well. President Hutchinson noted that a motion could be brought forward to strike that clause.

Move to strike under differential tuition "cost-benefit analysis".

MOTION USC255: Avinashi/Sharma

Carried.

Move to adopt the "Enhancing Student Computing: Student Recommendations for the Application of Information Technology."

Move to table this motion to next week's USC meeting.

MOTION USC256: Barber/Ferrara

Carried.

VP Barber explained that because an elections forum was held Monday evening, Student Issues Board did not meet. She asked that as Councilors read through the document, they keep in mind that situations have changed and she is willing to scrap the entire document, if students don't feel its' relevant. The Student Issues Board would be willing to redraft the document.

New Business

Move to add in Elections and Referenda Policy under IV. Referenda, Section 'Campaigning': "18. The USSU shall remain neutral during referendum campaigning.

11. Questions and Comments

Councilor Taylor thanked this year's Executive for their hard work and noted that it was a pleasure to work with them.

Councilor Schneider commended the USSU Researcher and Policy Coordinator, the CRO and the ACRO for the work on the Elections Board. She also asked what the process will be with the computing document. She recommended that the same process be put in place as with the "Financial Matters" document.

VP Barber noted that any comments could be e-mailed to her and she will bring a draft copy to Council for feedback.

Councilor Stang noted that she feels the perception of differential tuition has changed compared to how students used to feel about the topic. She wanted to reiterate the point that she is not in favour of differential tuition tied to potential future earnings.

Devin Guedo reiterated Councilor Schneider's comments regarding how well the elections were run this year. He spoke regarding the upcoming negotiations on the Place Riel Theatre. He suggested that students be allowed access to the Theatre a set day each week.

VP Henderson thanked all of the MSC's, polling clerks and DROs who worked the elections. He noted that voter turnout has doubled from last year. He will be inviting all of the MSCs to a deconstruct meeting regarding the elections process and voting on-line.

Councilor Avinashi asked if VP Henderson got any feedback regarding the retrieval of the NSIDs on-line. VP Henderson responded that it involved perceived security risks with how the information is being obtained. He asked that something similar to the

T2202 download be set up, however it doesn't have as strong of a security risk as accessing someone's NSID. Financial services, audit services and information technology services are all going to be working on this project to look at how things will happen in the future. All incoming students will be mailed their NSID.

Councilor Taylor noted that he will really miss VP Henderson's pieing. He also noted that many negative letters regarding the Upass were published in the Sheaf and he feels that it was inappropriate. He asked that the USSU look at removing all advertising in the Sheaf because they broke a major rule in the Elections Policy.

Councilor MacDonald noted that voting on the Computing Document didn't happen last week because copies were not available, and it got tabled again this week and she is wondering why there has been this delay. She noted that during Questions and Comments at last weeks' meeting Councilor Schneider voiced her concern with Executive running yes campaigns and nobody else brought up any concerns. She heard that at BOCP last weekend that concern was brought forward by some of the College Presidents. She was wondering why the MSCs were not passing this information along to Council. She also has concerns that VP Barber was not present to hear any of these concerns.

Councilor Derald asked for clarification on differential tuition and how it's divided. President Hutchinson assumed that differential tuition is decided on a class basis. It depends if a TA teaches the class, if there is a lab or a tutorial and if a computer is used during the class. The Executive is meeting with Laura Kennedy of Financial Services to discuss tuition and will get clarification as to how the class costs were determined.

Councilor Hewson asked that as Place Riel is now being handed off to the University if a farwell could be organized.

VP Barber apologized if she gave Council the impression that she would have the computing document. She was not made aware that concerns regarding the Upass campaigning would be brought up a BOCP and if she was, she would have attended.

VP Sharma commented that the polling in Health Sciences was not adequate. He received an e-mail from Councilor Leuschen saying that the polling station would be closed on Wednesday because of lack of polling clerks and he also received a message from Sharla Daviduik, USSU Researcher, saying that because of a lack of interest in Health Sciences, the polls would be closed Thursday morning, so he would not have to work.

His Executive worked very hard to promote the elections and limiting voting time in the college was not what they would have expected.

VP Henderson noted that he misunderstood that VP Barber would have the computing document ready and that the copier broke down, so he asked Council not blame VP Barber for the difficulties.

Councilor Schneider noted that Commerce recruited student volunteers to be polling clerks and that she asked Sharla Daviduik to provide thank-you cards that will be sent out.

Councilor Taylor passed on a concern that the referendum question was leaning towards a yes vote. He also spoke to Councilor MacDonald's comments. He noted he put the motion forward in hopes that there would be some serious discussion on Executive running referendum campaigns.

Councilor Stang commented that she hopes that future USC and Executive members don't let the situation other USSU areas get such high deferred maintenance costs that it does have to be sold to the University. She also asked how the Campus Club Card promotion is going. VP Henderson responded that he doesn't have any numbers yet, however he does know that there are groups that are using it. He noted that it will now be allowed to purchase products that are discounted at Browsers after 6 p.m. Councilor Leuschen noted that she had concerns with the Club Card as her College's were not printed for two weeks after they were supposed to be ready.

Michel Carpentier that he feels the image of the USSU has improved through the elections process this year.

Any Other Business

USC Year-End Social April 4th at Louis!!

President Hutchinson reminded that everyone is welcome!

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC257: Schneider/Brost

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, March 14th, 2002

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

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- 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: March 12th, 2002
- 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report
- 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report
- 6.6 Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: March 12th, 2002
- 7.2 Elections Board Minutes: March 7th March 12th, 2002

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

- 9.1 Move to expend up to \$3,258,000 for the Place Riel Student Centre expansion. (postponed indefinitely)
- 6.3 Move to adopt the "Enhancing Student Computing: Student Recommendations for the Application of Information Technology."
- 9.3 Move to add in Elections and Referenda Policy under IV. Referenda, Section 'Campaigning': "18. The USSU shall remain neutral during referendum campaigning." (Taylor/Torrie)

New Business

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

29. Any Other Business

- 12.1 USC Year-End Social April 4th at Louis!!!!

Adjournment

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, March 14th, 2002

PRESENT

Jack Wallace, VP Academic
Scott Henderson, VP Operations
April Zerr, Agriculture
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry
Lyle Popovic, Education
Samara Worth, Education
Maureen Torrie, Engineering
Joseph Swan, ISC
Erin Stang, Law
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine
Jennifer Leuschen, Nursing
Natalie Ferrara, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Dan Hewson, Physical Therapy
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More College
Jessica Paterson, Veterinary Medicine

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Ringguth, Chair
Gordon Steeves, Kinesiology

REGRETS

Janelle Hutchinson, President
Jenn Barber, VP Student Issues
Virginia Isley, Arts & Science
Blair Taylor, Arts & Science
Michelle MacDonald, Commerce
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Geoff Stewart, Engineering
Kirsten Derald, St. Thomas More
Glenn Ridalls, Vocational Agriculture

ABSENT

Andrew Merryweather, Kinesiology
Connor McManus, VPRA

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda as circulated.

MOTION USC268: Stang/Ferrara

Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Popovic welcomed Neil Candon who will replace him as MSC for Education, along with Samara Worth.

VP Henderson communicated regrets for President Hutchinson who is in Ottawa for CASA and for VP Barber who is in Regina for the Throne Speech. This evening Wayne Lee will be appearing at Louis' and he has tickets for Councilors. He also announced that the first tender went out for the Louis' renovation project. The March 21st Council meeting has been cancelled and March 28th is the budget meeting.

Councilor Swan reminded Council of the Aboriginal Awareness Week beginning Monday.

Councilor Ferrara reminded Council that March is Nutrition Month and noted that posters announcing several different events are up around campus. Nutrition is having a Beer Night at the Pat on March 22nd. Tickets are \$5.

Councilor Stang introduced Davashna Sutra who is a candidate for MSC for Law. On Saturday night Physical Therapy, Law and Nutrition are hosting the "Get Lucky" Cabaret at Sid's Garage. Tickets are \$5.

Councilor Zerr introduced the incoming MSC for Agriculture, Faye Dawson. She also announced that the Hawaiian Mixer will be on March 22nd at the Wheatland B Building. Tickets are \$12 and are available in the Ag Building starting Monday.

Councilor Torrie introduced Laura... and David... who are candidates for Engineering MSC. The results for the elections will be announced tomorrow. The Engineering Lounge is the first stop on a nine bar Pub Crawl. It starts at 4:30 p.m. This weekend is the High Voltage Classic. The road hockey tournament will take place in front of town hall downtown. She also announced that the Engineers Without Borders is having a book drive for Universities in Vietnam and El Salvador and they will be formally contacting all of the Colleges in hopes of getting extra books from students in April.

VP Wallace introduced Gordon Steeves, VP Operations-elect and Blair McDaid, VP Academic-elect.

Councilor Leuschen announced that Nursing is having a Pub Crawl this Saturday. Tickets are \$8 and it will start at the Sutherland at 6:30 p.m. Nursing and Kinesiology are also having the Mardi Gras party on March 28th at the Exhibition Grounds. Tickets are \$10 and the doors will open at 9:30 p.m. Mother Culture and Night Owl will be playing.

Councilor Avinashi announced that the College of Medicine will be putting on a party tomorrow night at Sid's Garage.

Councilor Hewson announced that Robinhas been named the incoming MSC for Physical Therapy.

Council Address

No council address.

Minutes and Reports for Action

USC Minutes

Move to accept the minutes as circulated.

MOTION USC269: Brost/Hewson Carried.

Operations and Finance Board Minutes

VP Henderson reviewed the minutes for March 12th, 2002.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC270: Wallace/Avinashi Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

Executive Committee Minutes

VP Wallace reviewed the minutes for March 12th, 2002.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC271: Henderson/Brost Carried.

Elections Board Minutes

Councilor Torrie reviewed the minutes for March 7th and March 12th, 2002.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC272: Wallace/Patterson Carried.

Councilor Avinashi asked that the number of eligible voting students in the College of Medicine be changed from 444 to 222.

Councilor Brost asked about the formal complaint against the SPIT campaign in the March 7th minutes. Councilor Torrie responded that the complaint was that the letters published in the Sheaf compromised the Upass campaign, however the Elections Board felt that it was freedom of speech. Most of the other actions were classified as "come out and vote" rather than actions to sway voter opinion.

VP Henderson noted that the number of eligible student voters in Medicine also includes residence students who are in fact eligible to vote because they pay USSU fees and the College still considers them undergraduate students.

Councilor Brost noted that he realizes STM students are included in the Arts voter turnout, however he asked that the numbers be separated. VP Henderson noted that the students from STM are under the College of Arts and Science in the University system, so it isn't possible to separate the numbers using swipe cards.

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

Business

Motion postponed indefinitely.

Move to have the Place Riel Student Centre motion postponed until March 28th.

MOTION USC273: Stang/Brost

VP Henderson spoke against the motion because when the Executive met with the architects to discuss the budget of the project, the numbers are still fluctuating. He doesn't want Council to have to vote on the motion on March 28th if the numbers are not final. He also noted that there is still some discussion with regards to the Indigenous Students Space and how it will impact the cost of the project. He also assured that the matter would be voted on before the end of the year.

Move to amend the motion to April 4th.

MOTION USC274: Stang/Brost

Carried.

Move to have the Place Riel Student Centre motion postponed until April 4th, 2002.

MOTION USC273: Stang/Brost

Carried.

Move to adopt the "Enhancing Student Computing: Student Recommendations for the Application of Information Technology."

VP Henderson explained the VP Barber would like to refer the document back to the Student Issues Board to have a new document drafted.

Move to refer the document to the Student Issues Board.

MOTION USC275: Henderson/Leuschen

Carried.

Move to add in Elections and Referenda Policy under IV. Referenda, Section 'Campaigning': "18. The USSU shall remain neutral during referendum campaigning."

MOTION USC276: Taylor/Torrie

Councilor Torrie spoke in favour of the motion noting that because of the concerns brought forward during the Elections, she feels the USSU should only be giving information of both sides of a referendum.

Move to postpone the motion until next week.

MOTION USC277: Wallace/Leuschen

Carried.

New Business

No new business.

Questions and Comments

VP Wallace reminded Council that the Prime Time Club receives funding from the University and he welcomed any comments on the issue. He also reminded Council that Wayne Lee is performing at Louis' this evening, and tickets are available for MSCs. Councilor Stang apologized for speaking out of order earlier. She noted that there are tickets left for the "Get Lucky" cabaret through the College of Law. She also expressed her frustration with the motion on the Place Riel Student Centre renovation being postponed. VP Henderson agreed that he would like to deal with the matter as soon as possible as well. He assured that progress is being made, and that negotiations are taking place with the University to address the power costs and with the Indigenous Students regarding their required space. He encouraged Councilors to come forward with their questions.

Councilor Swan apologized for holding up the process and noted that a meeting will be taking place on the 28th to discuss their space needs.

Councilor Hewson spoke to Councilor Swan's comments noting that he doesn't feel the ISC is holding up the process. He also spoke to VP Wallace's comments noting that he was under the impression that the Prime Time Club doesn't use their space very often and that it may not be the best use for the space.

Dave Dumont of the Sheaf commented that he doesn't see students using the Prime Time space on a regular basis and he also asked if there are any considerations to have the GSA take care of these students' needs. VP Henderson replied that the GSA will be moving out of the MUB once the grad student residence is in place, which is scheduled to be complete in the fall of 2003.

Councilor Sharma apologized for being late. The College of Dentistry is looking for the Executive-elect contact information so they can invite them out for supper.

Councilor Patterson asked for clarification on the issue with the Prime Time Club. VP Wallace mentioned that he is not aware of why the Prime Time Club receives funding from the University. He noted that the frustration comes because they are receiving money from the University for their space and no other interest groups receive the same treatment. VP Henderson added that approximately 30 years ago when the Prime Time Club starts, it was the University's intention to promote the University to a more mature audience and they felt those students needed a support network on campus. The question

is whether the University should be funding this club, when they don't assist with funding any other clubs.

Blair McDaid introduced himself and gave his e-mail address to solicit feedback from students. Gord Steeves also gave his e-mail address and asked for questions and comments to be forwarded.

Any Other Business

USC Year-End Social April 4th at Louis!

VP Henderson reminded Council that the USC Year-End Social will be at Louis' on April 4th. The USSU has purchased a ticket for all current MSC's and 14 incoming MSC's to attend the Huskie fundraiser taking place that night. VP Henderson will bring the tickets to the March 28th meeting.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC278: Wallace/Zerr

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, March 28th, 2002

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

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 - 5.3 CASA Weekly Update

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

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- 9.2 Move to add in Elections and Referenda Policy under IV. Referenda, Section 'Campaigning': "18. The USSU shall remain neutral during referendum campaigning." (Taylor/Torrie)

New Business

- 10.1 Move to adopt the 2002/03 Capital Expenditures Budget as recommended and approved by the Operations and Finance Board.
- 10.2 Move to adopt the 2002/03 Operating Budget as recommended and approved by the Operations and Finance Board.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

30. Any Other Business

- 12.1 USC Year-End Social April 4th at Louis!!!!

Adjournment

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ALSO PRESENT

Adam Ringguth, Chair
Leslee Harden, USSU General Manager
Gordon Steeves, VP Operations-Elect
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce
Brenda Jackson, VP Student Issues-Elect
Blair McDaid, VP Academic Affairs-Elect
Craig Stehr, President-Elect
Robert Tanner, Engineering

REGRETS

April Zerr, Agriculture
Dan Hewson, Physical Therapy

ABSENT

Glenn Ridalls, Vocational Agriculture
Connor McManus, VPRA

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

MOTION USC279: Wallace/Henderson

Carried.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of an Agenda

Move to add 10.3 "Move to accept the health and dental fees for 2002/2003 as outlined in the Operations and Finance Board Minutes dates March 5th, 2000.

MOTION USC280: Henderson/Wallace

Carried.

Move to accept the agenda as amended.

MOTION USC281: Wallace/Henderson

Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Popovic congratulated VP Wallace for getting course evaluations passed at University Council.

Councilor MacDonald announced that Roundtable 2002, hosted by the SCSS, was a huge success. The SCSS thanked the USSU for the sponsorship they provided and a special thanks went out to VP Wallace for hosting a session on Faculty Relations.

Councilor Leuschen apologized for having to leave at 7:30 p.m. She attended the Operations and Finance Board meeting on Sunday and she suggested that the budget not be presented line by line.

Councilor Stang announced that Shannon Whyley has been elected as the Law MSC for the upcoming year.

President Hutchinson introduced the USSU General Manager, Leslee Harden.

Councilor Taylor announced that Luke Copal and? were elected as the Arts & Science MSC's for the upcoming year.

VP Henderson invited everyone to help themselves to the beverages.

VP Wallace noted that the SCSS hosted a great conference and he congratulated them on a successful event.

Councilor Torrie announced that the two new MSC's for Engineering are James Burland and Chad Empey. The new President is Geoff Thompson. She also announced that Engineers Without Borders will be taking place over April, so if you have any old textbooks, please donate them. She also invited everyone to attend the last day of classes pub in the Engineering Lounge.

Council Address

No council address.

Minutes and Reports for Action

USC Minutes

Move to change under Introductions the spelling of the new MSC for Law., Devashis Misra and the new MSC for Education, Neil Cantin and the new MSC for Engineering, James Burlan.

Move to adopt the minutes as amended.

MOTION USC282: Stang/Popovic Carried.

Academic Affairs Board

VP Wallace reviewed the minutes for March 22nd, 2002.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC283: Wallace/Leuschen Carried.

Operations and Finance Board

VP Henderson reviewed the minutes for March 19th, March 24th and March 26th, 2002.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC284: Henderson/Wallace Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

Executive Committee Minutes

VP Barber reviewed the minutes for March 19th and March 26th, 2002.

Councilor Schneider asked if the campus clubs are aware that funding is no longer available to them. VP Henderson assured that all campus clubs were notified both by e-mail and by written correspondence.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC285: Ferrara/Brost Carried.

Elections Board Minutes

Councilor Torrie reviewed the minutes for March 26th, 2002.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC286: Barber/Leuschen Carried.

Term II Accountability Reports

President Hutchinson reviewed her portion of the Term II Accountability Report document.

VP Barber then spoke about her contribution to the document. Councilor Taylor asked what her recommendations would be regarding parking for the upcoming year. VP Barber noted that she believes the Students' Union has to continue working with the

University and the City to develop a transportation plan that works for students. She would also like to see sustainability issues become more of a priority for the campus.

VP Wallace reviewed his portion of the document. Councilor Taylor asked what changes VP Wallace anticipates for the DisOrientation event. VP Wallace noted that some of the feedback from students was that they didn't get enough information out of the sessions and some of the presenters felt they didn't have enough time to present, therefore, the time limits will change to a hour and a half per session.

Councilor Torrie asked if VP Wallace would have any recommendations for the upcoming VP Academic to change the situation with University Council. VP Wallace noted that he would suggest that all College Societies have some specifically appointed to University Council, so that student can be effective in his or her position, and that it's not just a side job that nobody has time for.

Councilor Avinashi noted that students in the professional colleges don't have time to attend University Council and the only way he sees this problem being solved is to change the times of the meetings. VP Wallace noted that this issue was raised at the beginning of the year, and unfortunately University Council has been meeting at the same time since it began. He also noted that this complaint is being voiced not only by students, but by faculty and staff as well.

VP Henderson reviewed his portion of the document.

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

No motions arising from the minutes or reports.

Business

Move to expend up to \$3,258,000 for the Place Riel Student Centre expansion.

Move to consider Item 9.1.

MOTION USC287: Hutchinson/Brost

Carried.

Move to expend up to \$3,258,000 for the Place Riel Student Centre expansion.

President Hutchinson noted that she wanted to bring up a couple pieces of information before the motion is voted on during next week's meeting.

The amount brought forward included \$250,000 for electrical. A compromise has been reached with the University whereby the USSU pays only 20% of the electrical costs, totaling \$57,715.

There have been some other changes to the numbers regarding the expansion of the Student Centre. The number has increased slightly to \$3,382,000. This number does include the cost of escalators. The consultants have recommended that the escalators be taken out of Place Riel. Currently the escalators cost approximately \$21,000 a year for

maintenance. To replace them, the cost will be about \$333,000. Without the cost of the escalators, the total for the Place Riel renovation will be \$3,029,000.

The Aboriginal Student Space will be where the post office is currently. They are happy with the proposal and are confident that the space will meet the needs of students. The cost of the space is estimated at \$726,000 and the remainder of the \$1,00,000 will be used towards the monthly costs of maintaining the space.

A health and wellness space has been proposed for Lower Place Riel and \$600,000 has been donated towards a centre such as this.

The total of external funding is \$1,512,000 and there is approximately \$1,500,000 left in the trust fund, totaling \$3,049,000 leaving, \$122,000 in the bank. These numbers are without the cost of the escalators. If Council feels that the escalators are an essential part of Place Riel, the numbers can be reworked. The consultants estimate that with other costs, including structural expenses, the removal of the escalators could potentially be saving an additional \$200,000.

Councilor Leuschen noted that she feels it's a good idea to remove the escalators. VP Wallace noted there are elevators in Place Riel if anybody can not use the stairs.

Councilor Avinashi thanked the Executive for reworking the numbers, however he still feels a definite number should be brought forward before the motion is voted on.

Councilor Stang noted that Council approved the Louis' renovations without a definite number, and the speculation that's taken place with the Place Riel renovations is a lot more conservative.

Councilor Swan apologized for being late. He announced that the ISC has passed the plans for Aboriginal space in Place Riel.

Move to amend the motion to read "Move to expend up to \$3,049,000 as indicated on line 8."

MOTION USC288: Henderson/Wallace

Carried.

Councilor Schneider noted her abstention.

VP-Elect McDaid announced that yesterday the Provincial government earmarked \$49 million to post-secondary education for capital projects. The provincial governments will now allow post-secondary institutions to borrow money to finance capital projects and some of this \$49 million will be financed by the provincial government. There will also be other changes regarding the value the provincial government puts on funding commercial ventures, specifically for this campus that would be in relation to the new residence for graduate students.

Councilor Popovic had a point of order. Chair Ringguth asked VP-Elect McDaid to confine his remarks to the motion currently before Council.

Councilor McDonald feels that the escalator issue should be discussed further. Councilor Stang noted that the project is not only for students who are here now, but for students of the future, that will not know what Place Riel was like with escalators.

President Hutchinson noted that the maintenance expense for the upkeep of the escalators is very high and it is a cost that is incurred year after year. VP Barber also noted that the escalators run 24 hours a day, which is a large expense. Councilor Torrie noted that most often students are using the escalators and not the stairs. Councilor Taylor noted that if new escalators are being installed, it would be likely that maintenance fees would be minimal. Councilor Leuschen noted that because the escalators are always broken, students are forced to use the stairs. Councilor Swan asked if that escalators were taken out, what would be the increased cost to maintain the elevators. Councilor Sharma noted that the elevators would have to be running at all times for students with disabilities. Councilor Derald asked about the escalators leading from Place Riel into the Arts Building. VP Henderson noted that if new escalators are purchased, they generally come with a one-year warranty, and thereafter a maintenance agreements would be in effect. Stairs would be put into the space of the escalators to widen the space. In the Place Riel renovations budgets, there is \$3500 allocated for each elevator to refurbish the cab and upgrade some of the mechanical and electrical to keep them running smoothly. The escalators running from Place Riel to Arts is the under the jurisdiction of the University.

Councilor Brost asked what would happen the motion is passed, and if it ends up being more than \$120,000. President Hutchinson noted that they are fairly confident in the numbers.

Move to postpone the motion until April 4th, 2002.

MOTION USC289: Taylor/Wallace

Carried.

Councilor MacDonald spoke in favour of the motion noting that she would prefer to vote on the motion after she gets feedback from the students in her College.

Move to add in Elections and Referendum Policy under IV, Referenda, Section 'Campaigning': 18. The USSU shall remain neutral during referendum campaigning."
(Taylor/Torrie) **DEFEATED.**

Councilor Taylor explained that he brought this motion forward to assure that students are not swayed to vote a particular way if the USSU is running a referendum.

Councilor Torrie spoke in favour of the motion because she feels the USSU should only be providing information and not campaign for or against a particular issue. Councilor Brost spoke against the motion, explaining that it would be difficult to wholeheartedly develop a proposal, such as the Upass, without showing their opinion. Councilor Swan also spoke against the motion.

VP Barber echoed Councilor Brost's comments as well. She noted that after working on something all year, it would be very difficult to remain neutral on the issue.

Councilor MacDonald commented that it comes down to how the Executive proceeds with their projects. When an Executive member puts forward a proposal, of course they are going to favour it. If they put together a proposal, it should speak for itself. For campaigns are about manipulating students' views. The USSU should only be communicating the information.

Councilor Avinashi noted that the students are the ones who ultimately decide if they are in favour of something or not. It's not that they are speaking directly against the USSU, they are speaking against the idea.

Councilor Ferrara asked Council to look at the stats that show that students weren't manipulated by a yes campaign.

VP-Elect McDaid noted that Council has to pass a referendum question before the issue is even presented to students. He sees it as a slap in the face to those students who voted for a particular candidate on the basis of their platform if those Executive are not allowed to speak in favour of something in their projects portfolio.

VP Henderson noted that because of the wording, and because campaigning can occur up to one month before the voting, discussions for the issue during USC and the Board dealing with the issue, would not be allowed.

Councilor Torrie pointed out that the motion wouldn't limit the Executive member from running their own campaign, however they shouldn't be allowed to use their title to run a for campaign because they have an unfair advantage over the other campaigns.

VP Wallace noted that Executive members work countless hours toward their projects and they should be able to lobby students to come out and vote, either in favour of or against the issue. He feels this motion limits the USSU's ability to lessen student apathy and to get them to understand the issues. He also feels it restricts the incoming Executive from doing projects because they can't run a yes referendum.

Councilor Schneider noted that she feels putting money into a campaign that the majority of students are against, makes students hostile towards the USSU.

Councilor Derdall agreed with VP Barbers' comments. She feels spending money on the Executive's salary to work on a specific project for the duration of their term, then not letting them run a for campaign is contradictory.

Councilor Patterson commented that she feels neutral is a pretty loose word, and that she is not sure how the line would be drawn between information dissemination and a yes campaign.

Councilor Taylor noted that he feels the information should sell itself and that it shouldn't need a positive push at all. The Executive should just stick to the facts.

VP Barber mentioned that she never skewed the issues and that she strictly ran an information campaign. She noted that it was difficult for her to run a campaign and be an Executive member at the same time. She also agreed with Councilor Patterson's comments about the line that will have to be drawn and who is going to enforce the rule.

Councilor Popovic supported VP Barber's comments by noting that her visit to the Education Students Society was based on information and that she did a great job of answering students' questions.

Councilor Swan mentioned to keep things fair, campaigning would have to be limited to all students to information only. He feels that if the USSU is not allowed to do certain things, than the students shouldn't be either.

Councilor Schneider asked for clarification on the campaign for the UPass. Councilor Torrie noted that both the information and the yes campaign were both funded by the USSU.

VP Henderson noted that a motion to not allow a yes or no campaign to be funded by the USSU may be more appropriate.

VP Wallace noted that when the USSU takes a stand, it is done in the hope that it will better the lives of students. He encouraged Council to vote against the motion.

Councilor Schneider noted that the motion is saying that the USSU should only be telling student to vote, not how to vote. She suggested the motion be changed to read that the USSU be restricted to run an information-based campaign.

Councilor Taylor noted that it comes down to the money and he feels that everyone should be one the same playing field whether they are running a yes or a no campaign.

New Business

Move to adopt the 2002/03 Capital Expenditures Budget as recommended and approved by the Operations and Finance Board.

VP Henderson explained the budget process. The brainstorming sessions took place in January. Approximately twelve hours were spent coming up with ideas and areas of improvement for each department. Strategic plans were also developed and from that, capital requests were brought forward to assist in meeting the set goals.

Once the capital requests were established, the operating budgets were developed, which outlines were all of the money comes from. Those budgets were reviewed with the USSU General Manger, the Accountant and the VP Operations and Finance. The budgets were then taken to the Operations and Finance Board for approval.

VP Henderson asked that any questions be brought forward so he could address them throughout the presentation.

From the deferred capital schedule, all of the money going out for the upcoming year is listed as credits and those will show up in each department as a revenue line. The total deferred capital will be \$4.5 million.

He noted that the elevators and escalators cost approximately \$20,400 in repairs and maintenance. Utility costs are also high. The total for Place Riel Student Centre is \$136,000 for the year and for the MUB it's \$50,000. Those number are outlined in Schedules 1 through 8.

The rest of the document outlines the overview for each department in terms of their bottom line and the monthly allocations for each department.

In the Notes document, each of the departments' balances to zero and the profits balances out in the contingency fund.

The Administration Department does not have goals or a strategic plan for the year, as these are the people that assist in all areas of the organization. The Research Department has a separate budget to improve cost allocation.

Councilor Schneider asked what the process was toVP Henderson noted that it was done by the Researcher and Policy Coordinator.

VP Henderson went through the Administration budget line by line. VP-Elect McDaid asked why salaries for the staff at Louis' and at the Centres have been released, but not for the Administration staff. VP Henderson explained that those positions are always filled by students and students should be aware of how much is going back into the pockets of student staff.

Councilor Avinashi commented that while personality profiling may be interesting, how much of it is actually useful in the workplace. VP Henderson noted that the cost covers profiling for both the Executive and Administrative staff and that he finds it very beneficial to be aware of how everyone communicates and responds to certain forms of information.

VP Henderson reviewed the budget for Browsers. He noted that revenues are lower than expected and the expenses are higher than projected. Last year's budget was based on outside groups and the budget for the upcoming year will be based on actual numbers for the operation. Several areas for improvement have been identified. The hours of operation will also be amended and the rate of commission will not increase. Several new promotions will also take place in the upcoming year.

The Communications budget was reviewed next. VP Henderson noted that the USSU Centres and Operations brochures will continue to be distributed as well as a new USSU fact book for Development purposes. A catering and conference package will also be created. Attendance at various trade shows will continue. Additional Buzz Boards will be added in Browsers, Louis', the Arts walkway and near the front doors of Place Riel. The Survival Calendar will be changing according to student feedback and production will increase to 12,000 with no increase in cost.

VP Henderson provided an overview of the Development budget. Some notable areas include improving and expanding the Student Discount Program and membership in the Philanthropist Association to gain further contacts with regard to fundraising, as well as membership with the on-line searchable database for sponsorships.

Councilor Stewart mentioned that while VP Henderson is explaining the various budgets, if anyone has questions about a particular line item to ask them while they are still at that point.

The Events budget was reviewed next. VP Henderson noted that with the Louis' expansion, the Programmer will be looking to bring in larger acts. Other areas to note include increasing positive relationships with College groups and enhancing the bidding process for top acts. The current entertainment structure will remain with bands on Thursdays and Saturdays and the rest of the nights will be open for alternative forms of entertainment.

Blue Monday scheduling was discussed and it was mentioned that conflicting times with colleges events would be taken into consideration when choosing a date for the event.

Concern was brought forward regarding the cost of bringing speakers in for the lecture series. Councilor Stewart commented that while the Engineering Students Society attempted to get speakers for Spectrum, the prices were ridiculous. VP Barber noted that speakers such as Peter Mansbridge are of mediocre stature and cost.

The Facilities budget was reviewed. This includes the physical buildings, including Place Riel Theatre. VP Henderson noted that the commercial and percentage rent for tenants is increasing due to increases in utility costs.

VP Henderson moved on to the Help Centre budget. All volunteers receive mandatory training, including customer service training and peer support training. The number of pamphlets produced will be increasing. Printing expenses also include costs for all of the registries, photocopying, etc. The Volunteer rewards program is a system where volunteers can accumulate their hours to earn certain rewards, such as gift certificates, food services vouchers, or parking passes.

The Information Centre budget was discussed next. VP Henderson noted that with the loss of the computer accounts, the revenue that is associated with the Centre, is

decreased. The Centre costs a significant amount to operate, and various options are being discussed.

The budget for the LGB Centre was reviewed. Some areas to note include increases to the subscriptions line item, continuing to bring in speakers for monthly speakers bureaus and various classes, enhancing the website, and increasing involvement in College Society orientations. The Director will also continue to work with Residence towards an LGBT friendly environment for students living on campus.

Move to recess for five minutes.

MOTION USC290: Henderson/Wallace

Carried.

Louis' budget was discussed next. Changes to the food product lines, catering, customer service, etc are being investigated. The Server Intervention program, the Designated Driver program, and the Park Aware Program will all continue.

The ventilation system will be replaced and a designated non-smoking area will be assigned. All of the new kitchen equipment will run on natural gas, rather than electricity. Louis' is also hopeful that they will be equipped to supply the food items to Browsers. An in depth competitor analysis is currently be done to determine pricing structure. VP Henderson noted that all prices will be kept below those of competitors and an interac/debit machine will be added. Louis' budget also includes revenue and expenses for the Beach Volleyball Courts.

Some concern was brought forward regarding who takes responsibility for the success or failure of the events held in Louis'. VP Henderson explained that because the Programmer books the bands, he is ultimately responsible and therefore the revenues and expenses are applied to the Programmer budget.

VP Henderson noted that although the percentage of projected increase is high, the numbers are based on industry studies and revenues have been underestimated and expenses overestimated in hopes of coming in close to budget.

A council member questioned the project increase in revenue in relation to the increase in costs. General Manager, Leslee Harden, explained that the salaries are not a direct correlation to the percentage increase in sales. It is based on how many shifts will have to be covered in the beginning.

Councilor Torrie noted that because Council has already approved the renovation to Louis', they should have faith that it will turn the business around and start to generate a profit.

VP Henderson reviewed the Photocopy budget. He explained that other than existing marketing mixes, there is not much change within the Photocopy budget for the upcoming year. He also noted that a problem area has been identified in that people are able to get free copies with some of the copy cards. The sales reps are aware of the

problem and are working to correct it. He mentioned that this year will be the first year that the organization is free of the Xerox lease, providing at least \$20,000 of cost savings.

The Print Shop budget was discussed next. VP Henderson distributed the new promotional ads for the shop. Most revenues are projected to increase in the upcoming year.

VP Henderson reviewed the Student Governance budget next. He noted that most costs will remain the same. However, with some areas increasing in popularity, such as the Pancake Breakfast and the Academic Grievance Workshop, those costs will increase. He also mentioned that Executive salaries will be increasing slightly to reflect the cost of living increase.

The budget for Student Grants was discussed next. The only line that changed is the Campus Groups Cash and Credit, which increasing from \$8000 to \$10,000.

The Volunteer Centre budget was reviewed. The promotional pamphlet and website for the Centre will be updated and their involvement in Orientation will increase. The Centre is also working towards building relationships with the Saskatoon City Police and the RCMP. The budgets for the Housing Centre and Student Crew are both included in this budget.

The Women's Centre budget was then discussed. VP Henderson noted that the Centre will continue to offer various workshops. They are also updating their pamphlet and website.

Move to recess for 5 minutes.

MOTION USC291: Barber/Stewart

DEFEATED

VP Henderson then presented the Capital Budget. He explained the various computer purchases and upgrades for the organization. Browsers has requested a dishwasher, busing carts, a fireplace, a kareokee machine and a metal foot rail.

Councilor MacDonald noted her concern with these expenditures. She suggested a less aggressive approach should be taken with regard to capital requests and that most of the purchases could wait for a year where the operations are showing a profit.

Councilor Stewart also commented on Browsers capital requests. He does agree with purchasing a fireplace and that consistently improving the services is important in keeping students happy.

Councilor Stang noted that she was in favour of the Browsers requests. She mentioned that most of the capital requests were made in response to student feedback. Her fear is that putting off these small improvements year after year is detrimental to the operations.

The Communications Department has requested four additional Buzz Boards. They will go up in Browsers, Louis', the front entrance of Place Riel and the Arts walkway.

The Print Shop has requested a new paper cutter, a drill press and a coiler to improve services.

The Facilities Department has requested five lockable kiosks for the tunnel. This is expected to improve the use of rental space for retail purposes, as there is currently little space available for retailers to store their goods while on campus.

There is also a request to improve the elevators in Place Riel as well as paint, a conference table and chairs for Room 77 in Lower Sask Hall.

Councilor Torrie noted her concern with the requests to improve Room 77 of Lower Sask Hall. She is under the impression that the motion to renovate the room was defeated by Council.

Councilor Stewart mentioned that although he disagreed with the idea of developing the room to accommodate Council, he does see a benefit in updating the room so it is available for students to book and University groups to rent.

President-Elect Stehr commented that he believes the space is very much in demand for student groups looking to conduct meetings. Councilor Taylor noted that campus groups can book classrooms through Room Scheduling and that there will also be space available for the same purposes in Louis'.

VP Henderson also noted that a floor polisher has also been requested for MUB.

Questions and Comments

Councilor MacDonald shared her concerns with the service at Louis'. She noted that when delegates from the Roundtable Conference visited Louis', they were very disappointed with the service. She feels that their attempts to rebuild relationships with College Societies are being compromised due to the poor service and that it reflected poorly on the Conference. A complaint letter has been sent the management of Louis'.

Councilor MacDonald also expressed her disappointment with the lack of coverage on the event from the Sheaf especially considering the huge amount of advertising the USSU does in the paper. This issue will be brought to the Equity Committee.

VP Wallace congratulated VP Henderson on a job well done with the budget.

President Hutchinson congratulated Councilor Torrie on her Excellence Award.

Councilor Stewart announced that the Engineering Students Society raised \$12,000 for the Lung Association through the High Voltage Classic. He thanked the Sheaf for their assistance in advertising their event.

Councilor Taylor suggested that the USSU pull their advertising funding from the Sheaf.

VP Henderson thanked everyone through sitting through the long meeting. He also apologized to the Commerce Students Society for the miscommunication regarding the Louis' issue.

Councilor Derald mentioned that there could be retributive action from students if they are offended by a publication that they fund. Councilor Stewart noted that he felt that the Sheaf did a good job and that they are not expected to follow the Elections Policy. VP Barber commented that whether the Sheaf is held to the Elections Policy or not, they should still adhere to it as does other Saskatoon media.

Councilor Stang noted that there are greater issues surrounding equity in the Sheaf. She also reminded Council that everyone has an opportunity to write letters to the Sheaf expressing their concern.

President Hutchinson mentioned that when the Red Eye was facing a similar situation, Carol Pond of the Discrimination and Harassment Office was brought in to facilitate a session. Councilor Torrie commented that the Sheaf should be more professional than the Red Eye.

Councilor Derald noted that although the USSU does not have authority over the Sheaf, over half of the campus is female and that Council should take action.

Robin Mowat commented that the Sheaf has not received any complaints regarding Dave Dumont's article and that he can appreciate the sensitivity of the issue. Although the Sheaf is independent, they are not looking to upset students in any way. He also encouraged Council to bring forward their complaints. With regards to the Commerce Roundtable Conference, no writers were available to cover the story. He apologized and assured that a letter in response to the issue would be sent to the Commerce Students Society.

Councilor Schneider noted that they have had many complaints about the article and that it's not too late to do something about it.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC292: Henderson/Barber

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, April 4th, 2002

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1 USC Minutes: March 28th, 2002
- 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report: March 28th, 2002
- 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: April 2nd, 2002
- 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report: April 1st, 2002
- 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report
- 6.6 Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: April 2nd, 2002
- 5.4 Elections Board Minutes
- 5.5 CASA Weekly Update

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

- 9.1 Move to expend up to \$3,049,000 for the Place Riel Student Centre expansion.
- 9.2 Move to adopt the 2002/03 Capital Expenditures Budget as recommended and approved by the Operations and Finance Board.
- 9.3 Move to adopt the 2002/03 Operating Budget as recommended and approved by the Operations and Finance Board.

New Business

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

31. Any Other Business

- 12.1 USC Year-End Social April 4th at Louis!!!

Adjournment

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, April 4th, 2002

PRESENT

Janelle Hutchinson, President
Scott Henderson, VP Operations
Jenn Barber, VP Student Issues
Jack Wallace, VP Academic
April Zerr, Agriculture
Virginia Isley, Arts & Science
Blair Taylor, Arts & Science
Michelle MacDonald, Commerce
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry
Lyle Popovic, Education
Samara Worth, Education
Geoff Stewart, Engineering
Maureen Torrie, Engineering
Joseph Swan, ISC
Andrew Merryweather, Kinesiology
Erin Stang, Law
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine
Jennifer Leuschen, Nursing
Natalie Ferrara, Pharmacy & Nutrition

Dan Hewson, Physical Therapy
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More College
Kirsten Derdall, St. Thomas More
Jessica Paterson, Veterinary Medicine

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Ringguth, Chair
Leslee Harden, USSU General Manager
Gordon Steeves, VP Operations-Elect
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce
Brenda Jackson, VP Student Issues-Elect
Blair McDaid, VP Academic Affairs-Elect
Craig Stehr, President-Elect
Robert Tanner, Engineering

ABSENT

Glenn Ridalls, Vocational Agriculture
Connor McManus, VPRA

The Dictaphone was not in working order. No minutes were recorded.